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CNMI BRACES FOR 3 ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

Inos to proclaim special election for Senate seat

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» Voter registration ends today

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, along with Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, is set to proclaim today a Nov. 4 special election to fill a Senate seat vacated by former Saipan senator and now lieutenant governor independent candidate Ray N. Yumul. This paves the way for a record-breaking three elections in November, along with the general polls on the same day as the special election and a likely gubernatorial runoff race.

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'IN PURSUIT OF THE TRUTH' JAYSON CAMACHO

Members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council present John DelRosario, fifth from left, and his late brother, Frank Rosario, with a resolution that congratulates them on their successful careers in journalism. From left to right: Anthony Manahane, Municipal Council secretary Diego Kaipat, Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho, Lucinda Selepeo, John DelRosario Jr., Julie DelRosario, Randy Rosario, Rodney Rosario, Ramsey Rosario, and Rita Taitano.

NMC gets $157K more in compromise budget

» Back-to-back House, Senate sessions today to pass budget

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The House of Representatives and Senate will hold a back-to-back session this afternoon to vote on a $134.33-million budget bill for fiscal year 2015, after a bicameral committee tasked to come up with a "compromise" version finalized their report and recommended giving Northern Marianas College $157,000 more to meet its maintenance-of-effort requirement, salary increases for some officials, and a two-month advance allotment instead of three months for lawmakers, among other things.

But the added funding for NMC is strictly for meeting its MOE requirement and "will not be used for salary increases and bonuses," the conference

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Muña: Sexually active teens 'a growing concern'

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
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» PSS YRBS results find teens having unprotected sex

Sexually active teens who have unprotected sex is a growing concern for the Commonwealth Health Center, according to Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña.

A recent report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 46 percent of CNMI high school students are sexually active and that 78 percent had unprotected sex.

Documents obtained by *Saipan Tribune* from the Public School System indicate similar results.

The 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, given to CNMI high school students annually, showed a vast portion of sexually active males and females: 49.1 percent of males have had sex. For female teens, 43 percent have had sex at least once.

Among students who had sex within

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CPA: No to divert airfield

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority passed a resolution last week essentially saying "no" to a divert airfield on Saipan.

» **Guam community speaks on their experience**

The resolution informs the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Department of Defense that CPA will "only endorse and enter agreement for location of the divert [airfield] on the island of Tinian [and] will not support nor submit an airport layout plan for the Saipan International Airport for divert activities."

The resolution reiterates the CPA board's stance as expressed in a December 2013 letter to the Air Force.

The resolution cites Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who said the proposed location of an airfield near CPA grounds is undesirable "as it would impede future commercial development in the area."

The resolution also notes Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) amendment of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2015 that essentially allows the $29.3 million authorized for the Air Force's divert activity initiatives to be used on Tinian.

'Unnecessarily loud'

The Draft Environment Impact Statement prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency states that the 11,905 residents of Dandan and nearby areas would be exposed to decibel levels that are predicted to be "severe."

Saipan Tribune talked to some Guam community members who grew up near the Andersen Air Force base in Yigo to

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Drunk man smashes truck's windows, crashes into ditch

A drunk 19-year-old man allegedly smashed the windows of a pickup truck that belongs to the boyfriend of his former girlfriend and then later crashed his own car into a ditch near Saipan International School in As Lito early Wednesday morning.

Police arrested Paul T. Bowie Jr. for criminal mischief and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at $500 cash.

Police detective Francisco Romeo O. Iginoef stated in his report that police officer Jonathan Decena went to a house in As Lito on Wednesday at 2:03am in response to a disturbance report.

Iginoef said that Bowie's former girlfriend told police that she was about to sleep at 2am when she heard a vehicle's engine revving and burning rubber outside her house.

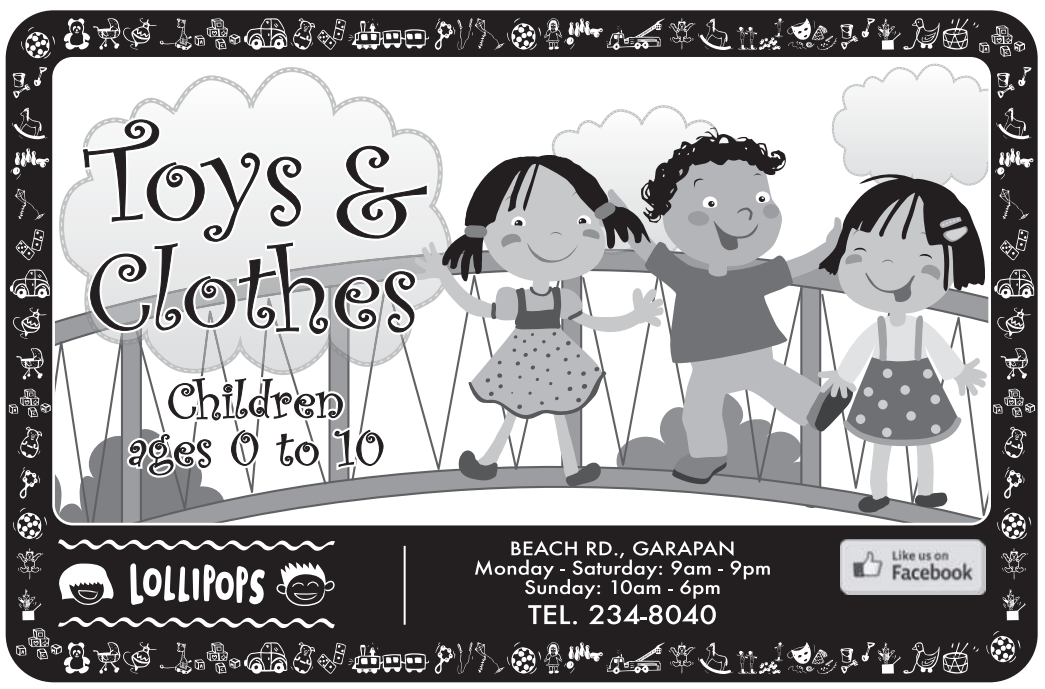
The woman went out to the living room, where her boyfriend and her two friends were. Soon after, they heard Bowie revving the engine of his car and heading away from the house.

They went outside and checked the boyfriend's pickup truck that was parked by the roadside in front of the Taiwan Commercial building and found out that all its glass windows had been smashed.

Iginoef said that Bowie's companion when the incident happened was soon identified and he told police it was Bowie who revved his car outside a house in As Lito and damaged the glass windows of a truck. He said he tried to stop Bowie from damaging the truck, but the defendant didn't listen to him.

Bowie allegedly smashed the truck's windows with a rock, then shouted profanities, threw a rock at the house, and revved his car.

Bowie later lost control of the car, causing it to crash into a ditch. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***



Mother testifies she had sex with Roberto for drugs, cash

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A 28-year-old mother of three testified yesterday that Raymond B. Roberto had sex with her several times, including a threesome, in exchange for drugs and cash last year or a year before.

The U.S. government called the woman to the witness stand after the 19-year-old cousin of the first alleged victim completed her testimony yesterday morning. The 19-year-old woman testified that she is also a victim as Roberto had sex with her when she was just 16 and 17 years old.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona called for a recess at 4pm. Trial will resume Monday morning.

Manglona ordered an early recess after Roberto's lead counsel, David J. Lujan, asked for a full day to review the 500 pages of text messages that the U.S. government submitted.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Rami S. Badawy said it's not new evidence, but a condensed version of text messages. Badawy said they have no more witnesses in the case.

Manglona ordered the prosecution to highlight those already admitted as evidence in that condensed version. The judge said they will then discuss legal issues whether to accept or deny it as evidence.

The mother of three said she was serving a four-month prison term for domestic violence at the Department of Corrections but did not serve the full sentence. She said she was released on April 8, 2014, because she cooperated with officials or investigators in Roberto's case.

The woman said a person introduced her to Roberto last year or a year and that she and Roberto had sex in exchange for drugs and money.

The woman recalled that the first incident happened at Parkville Motel in Gualo Rai where she and another woman had sex with the defendant. After their threesome, the woman said Roberto gave her money and drugs.

After that incident, the woman said she and Roberto had sex several more times in exchange for drugs and money. She said these happened at Roberto's house on As Lito Road, at his farm in As Lito, and at a beach in District 4. She said they had sex once at his house.

She said that Roberto also asked her to introduce him to other girls for sex in exchange for drugs and money. The woman said she introduced Roberto to her cousin, but she did not know what happened to them.

The woman identified text messages that she and Roberto exchanged during their discussion about introducing him to her cousin. She said Roberto would use the letter "O" as a code for him during his text messages to her.

The witness said while she was serving prison term at DOC, Roberto communicated with her using a note and over the glass partition. At one time, she said Roberto motioned to her by putting a finger to his lips, in a signal for her to keep quiet.

She later met an inmate at DOC, Randy Igisomar, and they became friends. She said they communicated through letters. After she was released from DOC, Igisomar called her everyday.

She said that, either on April 24 or 25, 2014, Igisomar called her, but Roberto suddenly got on the phone. She said Roberto told her to get rid of her phone's SIM card. She said Roberto instructed her not tell anyone that he talked to her about the SIM card.

At cross-examination, Lujan's first question was "Are you a prostitute, too?"

Manglona immediately called Lujan and the prosecution for a sidebar. After a few minutes, she instructed the jurors that Lujan's question is stricken.

The mother of three said the woman involved in their threesome was an adult at that time. She also stated that the cousin that she introduced to Roberto is also an adult.

She said she does not know whether her cousin and Roberto ever met.

When asked by Lujan about DOC, the witness said everything at DOC is possible as it depends on who the guards are. She said most of the male guards at DOC are corrupt but the female guards are doing fine.

The witness agreed with Lujan that during her encounters with Roberto, she was cheating on her then-boyfriend.

She also agreed with Lujan that in those exchange of text messages, there was no mention of sex in exchange for drugs or money. The witness stated that she and Roberto only talked about sex for drugs and cash during phone conversations.

Roberto, 41, a former acting director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, is on trial for three counts of enticing three minors to engage in prostitution and one count of witness tampering.

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Oversight hearing as lawmakers rally behind Mariana Resort

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The House Natural Resources Committee said yesterday an oversight hearing on the status of expiring public land leases is forthcoming, as some lawmakers expressed disappointment with what they claim are plans to force out from its still valid leased land one of the few major remaining Japanese investors in the CNMI—the owner of Mariana Resort & Spa—in favor of Saipan casino developer Best Sunshine International Ltd.

Natural Resources Committee chair Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan) said it is "unacceptable" that Mariana Resort & Spa owner Kan Pacific Saipan Ltd. is being chased away even if its land lease is not up until April 2018.

"Here we are already giving away something, the lease term is not even up and eventually we're like chasing this investor away. …Why are we doing this? There are other land areas that maybe Best Sunshine can utilize," Benavente told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

One of which, he said, is the almost 10 hectares of public lands in Marpi that the Department of Public Lands is offering E Land's Micronesia Resort Inc.

Benavente said instead of giving such public lands again to E Land's MRI, which has not even renovated the former The Palms Resort, not completed the Coral Ocean Point renovation and other projects, the land should be offered to Best Sunshine.

Benavente said other businesses, such as Delta Airlines, which brings in Japanese tourists to the CNMI, could also pull out from the CNMI if Japanese investors such as Kan Pacific/Mariana Resort are treated badly.

Like other lawmakers, Benavente said DPL should consider first Mariana Resort's proposed 25-year lease renewal before offering the land to Best Sunshine or other foreign investors.

Mariana Resort is proposing to invest an additional $30 million in its 25-year lease renewal plan.

Its owner, Kan Pacific, is the first major Japanese investor in the CNMI. Mariana Resort marked its 36th year in April this year, sticking with the CNMI through thick and thin and even as the Japanese tourism market is in crisis mode these days.

DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio said no decision has been made so far to refer any new lease for the Mariana Resort property to the Legislature, "nor an offer made yet to Best Sunshine for the land at Mariana Resort."

Best Sunshine chief operating officer Terence Tay, however, sent another letter to DPL's Tenorio, asking the department to expedite the review of its proposal to lease the Marpi public land under lease to Kan Pacific/Mariana Resort.

Sen. Paul Mangloa (Ind-Rota), in a letter yesterday to DPL's Tenorio, said Best Sunshine's request to expedite the review of its proposal to lease public land leased by Kan Pacific "raises great concern."

Manglona said the community has trust and confidence in DPL "that it will do due diligence in reviewing and analyzing Best Sunshine's proposed lease to safeguard and protect the interest" of CNMI people.

"Best Sunshine's focus on the property leased to Kan Pacific must be discouraged and must be redirected to lease private land or unencumbered public land. Kan Pacific invested in the Commonwealth for more than three decades," Manglona said.

Mariana Resort also has an 18-hole golf course, over 100 hotel rooms and cottages and other hotel amenities.

"The Commonwealth's goal should be to maintain investors and diversify the tourism industry. Kan Pacific and other Japanese investors still bring in approximately 125,000 tourists from Japan," Manglona said.

Bid out Marpi land

The senator said in the event that DPL finds Kan Pacific's proposed new lease terms and conditions unsatisfactory, upon its current lease expiration in four years, then the best way to proceed is to solicit through an "open and competitive" bidding process for such public lands.

This takes into account the appraisal value of the existing developments.

Best Sunshine has an exclusive license to develop an integrated casino resort on Saipan for a total of 40 years – an initial 25-year lease with an option to extend by 15 years. It plans to invest $3.14 billion for the integrated resort but is challenged by a lack of lands to keep everything in one area.

Manglona suggests that DPL be assisted by consultants that are expert in casino operations.

"Such consultants may assist in pointing out issues that may arise decades from now," he added.

Rep. George Camacho (R-Saipan), who represents precinct 4 that covers Marpi where Mariana Resort is located, said yesterday he has yet to decide on the best way to go with the Mariana Resort lease now that Best Sunshine is also interested in the property.

"The issue is we want to keep Marpi as pristine as we can. So do we keep Marianas Resort and give Best Sunshine the rest of Marpi? Or have Best Sunshine move in? Keeping the amount of land use in Marpi to a minimum?" Camacho said.

Happy hour fundraiser tomorrow

The Sang & the Gang will be hosting a Sunset Happy Hour Fundraiser for Mary-Ann "Meng" Borja-Arriola on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014, from 5pm to 11pm at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion. There would be lots of fun and live entertainment, free chaser and one drink, and with great scenery and beautiful sunset. Each ticket costs $20 only. To purchase tickets, contact Ray Agulto at 989-7343. ***(PR)***

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committee said.

The bicameral panel identified eight primary issues, half of them resolved on their first meeting on Wednesday, including scrapping a provision allowing a $400,000 offsetting of government debt in exchange for waiver of taxes and gaming fees for Bridge Capital LLC.

"I feel confident that this budget bill from the conference committee will pass the Legislature," House Ways and Means Committee chair Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Sablan is co-chair of the six-member conference committee, along with Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota).

"I think the House and Senate conferees have done a responsible job. …We addressed the needs of the Public School System, NMC and other important agencies," Sablan added.

When the budget bill passes the House and Senate today, it heads to Gov. Eloy S. Inos for action in a record-breaking speed, long before the Sept. 30 deadline.

Sablan, author of the original budget bill, said the bulk or some $125,000 of the added funding for NMC came from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. subsidy, bringing back the CHC subsidy to the fiscal year 2014 level.

Some $21,000 appropriated for the first quarter allotment of the Office of the Attorney General was reallocated to NMC to meet its MOE requirement, and to Rota's Department of Public Safety for fuel and lubrication.

In its report, the committee also agreed to increase the salaries of the Finance secretary to $70,000; Commerce secretary to $54,000; Division of Revenue and Taxation director to $65,000; Division of Customs director to $50,000; and CNMI Treasurer to $50,000. An earlier version of the budget bill gave the latter $54,000.

Conferees also agreed to a budget language ensuring that the Commonwealth Election Commission may receive an advanced allotment of $60,000 in addition to its regular monthly allotment for October 2014 in order to prepare for the 2014 elections.

Besides Sablan and Taimanao, the four other conferees were House vice speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan), House floor leader Ralph Demapan (R-Saipan), Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), and Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian).

Instead of a three-month advanced allotment for Senate and House members as the Senate proposed, the conferees compromised on a "two-month" advanced allotment under Section 703(c)(2).

On Wednesday, the conferees already announced a compromise on removing the $400,000 government debt offsetting; an added $1.161 million for PSS from the hotel/container tax, provided that it will be used to hire 35 new teachers and that PSS will provide a hiring status report to the Legislature within 120 days of the budget law's signing; and restoring nearly $400,000 for Tinian taken from lawmakers' operational accounts and leadership accounts.

The 2015 budget measure that is up for Senate and House vote at 1:30pm today is House Bill 18-201, House Draft 3, Senate Substitute 1, Senate Draft 2, Conference Committee Substitute 1.

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As of yesterday, there is no telling whether the governor would also sign today Sen. Pete Reyes' (Ind-Saipan) bill prohibiting the seven individuals who were already certified to run for two Saipan senatorial seats from also running for a special election to fill the third seat that Yumul vacated.

That bill was transmitted to the governor's office yesterday afternoon.

While the vacancy existed a few weeks ago, the governor held off signing a special election proclamation until today, to fall within the requirement to conduct a special election within 60 days of a proclamation.

The 60th day falls on Nov. 4, the same day as the general elections.

Robert A. Guerrero, executive director of the Commonwealth Election Commission, said for logistical reason and to save $70,000 to $80,000, it would be best to hold the general elections and the special election on the same day.

Guerrero said the two will still be considered separate elections.

With four certified gubernatorial candidates, a runoff race is also likely because it would be close to impossible for any of the four teams to get at least 50 percent plus one of the actual votes cast.

That gubernatorial runoff race needs to occur 14 days after the results of the general election are certified. That will also be in November.

Acting press secretary Ivan Blanco said yesterday the signing of the special election proclamation for the current vacant Senate seat is at 10am today in the governor's conference room on Capital Hill.

Election Commission's Guerrero, at the same time, reminded that today, Sept. 5, is the last day to register for the Nov. 4 general elections.

The Election Commission office will be open until 6pm for the last day of voter registration.

Guerrero also told *Saipan Tribune* that the commission is "still compiling" information on the number of individuals that registered to vote for the Nov. 4 polls during the registration drive at the recent 10th Annual CNMI Labor Day Softball Tournament in Portland, Oregon.

As of Aug. 27, however, the number of registered voters already reached 17,176. This is the first time that the CNMI's registered voters breached the 17,000-mark on a general election year.

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three months before the survey was conducted, only 37.4 percent used a contraceptive during their last contact. Of that number, 25.7 percent drank alcohol or used drugs before their last sexual encounter.

The data also found that more than 80 percent of student respondents received education about AIDS and HIV infection in school.

One public high school student who spoke on condition of anonymity said that she is alarmed by the numbers. "I wish more of my peers would understand the consequences of having unprotected sex. It is an issue that needs to be vigorously addressed," she said.

In an interview, Muña said that CHC has been working with the Public School System "for the longest time." She added, "They are our partners in all of our activities."

Muña said that part of the grant requirements for the funds the hospital receives is to work with entities like the Public School System.

"We are serving the same population and we want to make sure that the students are safe and healthy in every aspect."

For CHC's part, Muña said that they are already heavily involved in conducting vaccinations.

Although the survey does not clearly indicate the reasons behind unprotected sex among teens, Muña said that teens should not be afraid or ashamed of getting condoms.

"We always protect the patient's privacy. …If they are ashamed then we need to make sure we break that barrier, so that they are able to go and get it," she said. "It shouldn't be something difficult for them to get. This is for their health, this is for their life and future. We need to make sure that they are able to access that."

She said that the hospital will do further review of the data and continue to reach out to students.

PSS has yet to issue an official statement about the survey results. Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan was not available to provide comments as of press time.

In a phone interview, Board of Education member Denise Tanya King said the best approach to addressing the issue is not from a textbook.

"The best approach is not by getting a textbook and looking at pages and reading it. What we need is children who are older now but became pregnant in high school to talk in the classroom about the difficulties they had while raising a child," King said. "This would be the most effective way because they can relate to them, the struggles… and it will really impact them much greater than if they read something in a textbook."

She added that children, particularly in a small community, do not feel comfortable going to the hospital and getting contraceptives.

"There needs to be a place, a safe haven, where children can get contraceptives. Parents should also be knowledgeable about the repercussions when children engage in premarital sex."

King explained that with the rise of teenage pregnancy, there "needs to be education at the adolescent level and as well as the adult level."

King emphasized that parental involvement and "having the families involved in the process" is a key element to tackling the issue of premarital sex among teens.

""You have to bring in the parental involvement element—that is something we as policy makers need to do a better job at doing," she said.

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gauge how Air Force activity may be like to the community here.

Alfie Calubacquib, said her experience growing up near an Air Force base was "not too bad" overall but added, "The only thing that was kind of annoying was when they would do flight drills. The jets were really loud."

Another Yigo resident, Arnie Velasco, described his neighborhood as relatively peaceful except when planes fly across.

Scott Alexander said that while it got "very loud" at times, he felt that staying near the base made him feel "secure."

Johanna Salinas described the Air Force jets as "unnecessarily loud."

"I know the military has made silent airplanes but why must they keep using the noisy ones. I don't like the military taking all of Yigo and acting like they deserve our respect," she said.

Judge finds race-based arguments groundless, offensive

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has found groundless and offensive the race-based arguments raised by former associate judge Juan T. Lizama in a lawsuit filed against him by a dentist.

Camacho

In an order on Wednesday, Camacho denied Lizama's motion for judgment on the pleadings and ordered that the lawsuit filed by Dr. Alan Stuart Markoff of Toothworks shall proceed to trial.

Camacho ruled that Lizama's race-based arguments hold no weight and are offensive to the court, to Markoff and his lawyer, Michael A. White, and the laws, including customary laws.

During oral arguments last Aug. 27, Lizama argued, among other things, that as a Chamorro, he had been "finagled" by Markoff. Lizama alleged that the dentist took advantage of cultural norms to force a conversation with him (Lizama) about his brother's dental care.

In his ruling, Camacho noted that Lizama's argument did not cite or explain any relevant customary law applicable in a breach of contract case. Instead, Camacho said, Lizama asked the court to ignore basic legal principles and implicitly appealed to their shared Chamorro heritage.

Camacho said Lizama characterized Markoff as a person who deals dishonestly with Chamorro people.

According to court records, Markoff alleges in his lawsuit that Lizama failed to pay for dental services rendered on his brother. The dentist claimed that the defendant owes him and the clinic $5,381.

On Aug. 5, 2014, Lizama filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings, citing discovery material and arguing that Markoff's claim fails as a matter of law because the dental services were provided to his brother, so there was no consideration.

In Markoff's opposition, White cited the well-established legal principle that consideration can consist of a performance given to a third party.

Camacho said he denies the motion because the parties agree that there is a genuine issue of material fact, and that it is an elementary principle of contract law that consideration can consist of a performance to a third party.

The judge said a personal benefit to a party who makes a promise is simply not required for valid consideration.

"Thus, Lizama's argument that he prevails as a matter of law because the dental services were rendered to his brother and not to him is incorrect," Camacho said.

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'Vote 'yes' to reduce overcrowding, restoring classroom teacher FTEs'

The under-allocation of resources for classroom teachers has persistently challenged the Public School System's capacity to bring the student-teacher ratio (class size) to manageable levels.

The growing number of student enrollment, the lack full-time equivalent positions and additional classrooms are linked to budget cuts—the result of plummeting local resources that have impacted funding for public education in the last decade.

Marianas High School knows first-hand that smaller class sizes benefits each student because there is more time for one-on-one learning. By the opening of school year 2014-2015, student-teacher ratio for the largest public high school in the CNMI has shot up to 37:1 (students to teachers). This is the largest ratio in recent years. Last school year, the number hovered around 30:1 to 35:1.

What MHS is facing now is indicative of a burgeoning disproportion in student-teacher allocation for NMI public schools. Local appropriation to PSS began going down about 10 years ago, yet the cost of providing educational services to over 10,000 students continue to climb.

Achieving and providing for conducive learning environment by having smaller class sizes through hiring of additional classroom teachers and building more classrooms, among others, are all aimed at reducing overcrowding in public schools. This is the intent of House Legislative Initiative 18-12.

PSS and the Board of Education is encouraging the community to vote "yes" on H.L.I. 18-12, which will increase the guaranteed funding level that public education must receive from government revenue sources for its annual appropriation. If passed by voters come Nov. 4, this will primarily allow the PSS to build and hire a pool of highly qualified teachers needed to reduce the class size in every public school classroom throughout the CNMI.

Difficult challenge

Class-size reduction is a long-term issue and bringing the size to "manageable level" remains a hurdle, according to a timeline of enrollment that reflects the average student-teacher classroom ratio of all public elementary and secondary schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

At the close of school year 2013-2014, PSS student-teacher ratio was at 27:1 with a total student population of 10,638 and 399 classroom teachers.

A year earlier (2012-2013) and with student population of 10,646 and teaching staff of 374, public schools' student-teacher ratio was the same at 27:1.

It was at 24:1 in 2011-2012 when student population was at 11,011 and with total of 464 classroom teachers.

In 2010-2011, PSS had a total of 11,105-student enrollment and 574 teaching staff. The student-teacher ratio was pegged at 19:3. This was during the second year of the federal stimulus (ARRA grant) funding was released and supplemented the absence of local funding within the PSS.

A year earlier, in 2009-2010, the ratio dropped to 20:1. This was the first year implementation of ARRA funding. Enrollment totaled 10,961 and the number of classroom teachers was at 549.

During school year 2008-2009, PSS' student-teacher ratio was at 21:1. The enrollment was 10,913 and had a total teaching pool of 510.

In 2007-2008, PSS enrolled 11,299 students and had 514 classroom teachers. The average student-teacher ratio was 22:1

In 2006-2007, the ratio was at 22:1. This was at a student enrollment of 11,693 and an overall teaching pool of 541.

In 2005-2005, PSS had 11,718-student enrollment and 601 teachers. The ratio was at 19:1.

During 2004-2005, the ratio was at 21:1. This ratio was similar to the prior year (2003) with student enrollment at 11,244 and teaching staff of 539.

These numbers have breached the BOE policy that sets the student-teacher ratio to 25:1. In order to achieve this desired numbers, PSS needs to hire between 200 and 250 more teachers.

This development comes on the heels of a possible impasse in the passage of the fiscal 2015 government budget.

"I and our BOE leaders continue to plead with the CNMI Legislature and the Executive Branch to respond to the need of restoring classroom teacher FTE positions so we can reduce the class size," Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan appealed. "In order for us to achieve our BOE regulation relating to the student-teacher ratio, we beg our elected leaders to respond to the need of our public schools." ***(PSS)***

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NMTI: Don't kill the goose

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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Agnes McPhetres, CEO of the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, solicited support for House Bill 18-204 during Wednesday's membership meeting of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, saying it will enable NMTI to become an adult vocational and continuing education charter school.

Another component of the bill is to create a Higher Education Commission that will act as a governing body for the CNMI's only postsecondary education institution, the Northern Marianas College, and the potential second one, NMTI.

She sold NMTI as one of the legs to complete the current educational system in the CNMI, noting the Public School System and NMC as the other parts of this "table" as she put it.

McPhetres

She said the CNMI has good elementary, secondary, and college in place but there is no institution that addresses the needs of the workforce directly, stressing that NMTI will be the one to do so as a charter school.

"I can see an opportunity that we can really expand the human resource development in the CNMI that all of us has been yearning for," she said.

The charter school, according to her, is a combination of both public and private concepts, as it will become a "quasi-public school" with opportunities for federal funds.

"The concept of the charter school is a community school," she said, adding that in this case the community has more say.

'Misunderstood'

McPhetres also clarified perceptions that NMTI is out to siphon funds that are intended for PSS and NMC.

"I'm not here to sell a program. I'm here to say here's an opportunity for us here that will address what is lacking in our educational system. The major thing that I've been hearing is, 'Here comes McPhetres again to take money from us,' she said, denying this.

She pointed to CW funds as a hopeful source of funding.

"What we are trying to do is, we have a mission to fulfill and there's money, CW money, coming here that is not supposed to be used for the operations of the public schools system nor the college but will be used for a purpose. I am just asking for a little of that," she said.

In an interview, Vic Cepeda, education director of NMTI, clarified that—as he and NMTI understand—CW funds were originally intended to be used to train the local U.S. workforce.

"That money is supposed to be for people that [have] no jobs. … Just like those people in the NAP program, we can train them and we can put them to work," he said, noting that NMTI has over 150 students who have gone into the workforce.

He said NMTI wants a "good portion" of the CW money for its services but is not asking for all of it.

McPhetres also stressed that the Higher Education Commission as a governing body will add accountability, and expects NMTI to be assessed on how it is meeting its mission.

"It will also ask NMC, 'Are you producing what you said you're going to produce?" she said.

On NMTI becoming a charter school, she said it might not be popular for many traditional educators because it challenges the status quo. However, she urged the crowd to "face the challenge" of meeting workforce needs.

"Do not kill the goose that may lay the golden eggs that will solve our problem," she said, noting that NMTI's promised output of more electricians, plumbers, and carpenters for the workforce.

"Will this school solve all our needs? No. It will solve a lot of the problems we are facing now," she said.

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Mount Carmel School holds student leadership retreat

While most teenagers slept in on Saturday, Aug. 30, Mount Carmel School's student leaders got up bright and early to participate in the school's Student Leadership Retreat. Held every year, the retreat helps students grow as leaders and gives them the opportunity to work together to plan all school activities for the school year.

The retreat was facilitated by school president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, who started with a prayer and an energizer, followed by a short talk about leadership. In his talk, Deleon Guerrero shared what he learned over the years in various leadership positions, including serving as a member on both the Public School System's Board of Education and Northern Marianas College's Board of Regents. "Remember that, as a leader, you're not a lone ranger; it doesn't matter where you want to go and where you go if you don't have people following you," said Deleon Guerrero. Quoting Barbara Kellerman, he said: "Followers are more important to leaders than leaders are to followers. That's why you have to learn how to motivate people to follow you."

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MCS Junior Class officers at the Student Leadership Retreat. From left to right: Thomas Manglona II, Emiri Iwai, Catheryn Javier, Amalina Evangelista, Lance Deleon Guerrero, and Jonathan Pangelinan.

Students then watched a couple of video clips about motivating and following, including one clip by Dan Pink who explained that traditional rewards and punishments are not always as effective as people think. Instead, Pink argued that when people are given autonomy, the time to build mastery, and a compelling purpose, they will outperform anyone bribed with rewards or threatened with punishments.

After the videos and a short break, student leaders and their teacher advisers got down to work, planning out the entire school year. Going through week by week, Student Council officers and vice principal for Student Affairs Ida Bahillo worked with clubs, classes, and organizations to schedule activities for the year. Whenever conflicts emerged, students were ushered aside to work out alternatives and solutions. By the end of the retreat, student leaders had successfully planned out the entire year.

Student Council president Maria Fe Andrea Lazaro was pleased with the results of the retreat. "I think it's a great way to expand our leadership skills," she said. "It was great because the student leaders learned how to lead." ***(MCS)***

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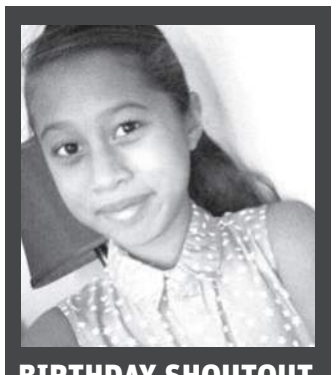
MCS Theatre Club leaders at the Student Leadership Retreat. Clockwise from front: Keona Camacho, Aysia Santos, Stefani Tagabuel, You Jin Jun, Zeno Deleon Guerrero, Adviser Galvin Deleon Guerrero, and Jaqueline Doctor



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Filmed over the course of one year, the film follows two 11-year-old kids in New York City as they explore their place in the food chain. Sadie and Safiyah take a close look at food systems in New York City and its surrounding areas. The girls address questions regarding the origin of the food they eat, how it's cultivated, how many miles it travels from the harvest to their plate, how it's prepared, who prepares it, and what is done afterwards with the packaging and leftovers.

Before the film, Kaisa Anderson, a registered dietician and nutritionist with the CNMI Public School System, will talk about the school food program in the CNMI, including challenges and changes that have been made over the past few years as school nutrition becomes a focus across the United States and its territories. This event is ideal for parents and students to learn a little more about school nutrition and for anyone who is interested in where food comes from and how our food chains work.

First Friday Films is a partnership between American Memorial Park, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, and the Humanities Council with support from other organizations and individuals. This particular film is sponsored by BECQ. As always, our film events are free and open to the public. This event will run approximately 90 minutes.

For more information about First Friday Films, email fff-saipan@gmail.com or check out www.firstfridayfilms-saipan.blogspot.com. ***(PR)***

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How to put Vladimir Putin in his place

When Russia began to interfere militarily in Ukraine earlier this year, President Barack Obama said he didn't view that country as a part of a Cold War chess game. Unfortunately, Vladimir Putin didn't agree.

The crisis began when Putin wrongly perceived Ukraine's understandable efforts to establish economic ties with Europe as a hostile act. It has continued through the Russian annexation of Crimea and the movement of Russian soldiers and equipment across the border to support pro-Russia secessionists. All the while, Russia has piously denied military involvement and called for a cease-fire that would not disarm the rebels in what Putin provocatively calls "new Russia."

As a result, Russia's claim of a new Cold War is becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy. European nations—including Germany, a key Russian trading partner—are reluctantly following the lead of the United States and threatening harsher sanctions. German Chancellor Angela Merkel said that even though sanctions would damage German companies, it is important to show Russia what happens when "you are allowed to shift borders in Europe and attack other countries with your troops." Sanctions are needed, she said, to establish the principle that such actions trigger consequences.

Meanwhile, NATO has been preparing a Readiness Action Plan intended to reassure member states that used to be part of the Soviet empire that they would be protected in the event of Russian aggression. That heightened readiness is a response to apprehension in countries such as Estonia and Lithuania, which, like Ukraine, have large Russian-speaking populations and share a border with their aggressive neighbor. To dramatize NATO's commitment to the defense of these countries, Obama scheduled a stop in Estonia on his way to this week's NATO summit in Cardiff, Wales.

Ukraine isn't a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which is one reason the U.S. hasn't intervened militarily there and has even declined to provide the Ukrainians with weapons. For now at least, the better way to change Russian behavior is with economic sanctions that bite.

On Tuesday, in the latest display of diplomatic chutzpah, Russia's foreign minister called on the U.S. to press the government of Ukraine to abandon its attempt to defeat the rebels militarily and to "transition to the political process." In fact, the Ukrainian government long has been willing to negotiate new political arrangements that would offer considerable autonomy to pro-Russia regions. But such talks shouldn't take place under siege by the forces of a foreign power.

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One Capitol

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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In the Daoyi Development District where universities relocated from their town locations, it was wide open spaces of farmlands. Three years ago I saw a lonesome four-story structure a mile north of the campus in the middle of nowhere. The building had a sign on the top floor that read: One Capitol aka Hui Zhi Shang Du.

My host family and I bought a garden apartment there before "rules in the book" got me out of employ; the unit was handed to us in June. With my radically changed financial situation, I am hustling to get my promised share of a seventh of the cost for a third of the space; my host family already plunked their six sevenths of the total. My share is earmarked for the inside work that needs to be completed by the time heat is turned on in November.

My current temporary residence is in a seven-story building, constructed in 1995 in what is now called the old Shenbei Center. Without elevators, residents on the seventh floor are in the best of shape. They climb 20 steps between each floor.

Buildings at Shenbei Center are close to 20 years old but they look ancient compared to the new dwellings in the area. Some occupants even drive official looking black sedans indicating that they might be government retirees. At 60, they are still sprite enough to care for grandchildren during the day while the parents work, as two-family incomes are now common to afford the rapidly rising standard and cost of living. I measure inflation by the price of corn on the cob on the sidewalk, now three times what it was three years ago!

The newbies in the neighborhood are entrepreneurs who trade goods from the countryside to the urban markets in buy-and-sell commerce that fills up quick sprouting sidewalk markets in the summer. These enterprising ones also sneak their children into urban schools.

When I moved in last March, the place looked like a rundown barracks in Garapan, or a ghetto on the Westside of Chicago. Well, "ghetto" is a misnomer. It is more like the hutong with the narrow but lively street where the palace hired help in the ancient Imperial Palace in Beijing lived. Private cars crowd my "alley"; one even parks his car on the children's playground that is the central community node.

The local street sweeper keeps his tools in my building's basement so we quickly interacted when I swept three sets of stairs (I live on the second floor), wiped off the telephone numbers on its walls, scraped the accumulated flyers including those on the entrance door, then placed potted plants in strategic locations on the stairs, windows, and landings. A community officer tried posting a notice on our entrance door where he always posted before, and I pointed him to a makeshift bulletin board I delineated with duck tape on the wall of the first floor landing. The officer taped his announcement in a huff.

One day, I picked up street trash placing them into the bin and cleaned out the plastered ads on the electric pole on one end of the playground. The police got the word around that a «foreigner» resided in the neighborhood after the community office made sure I understood that I report to the police within 30 days on arrival from any extended absences!

My new residence at One Capitol follows the classic path of Shenbei Center. It built five-story dwellings (British architecture) for immediate occupancy equipped with underground parking lots, attracting the motor-owning moneyed class. Park-like surroundings are maintained in villas, townhouses, water fountains, piped music, gold fish bubble pools, two-floor top mansions, and garden apartments.

I carted debris Saturday from our ground floor dwelling over the weekend as my host›s daughter works to get the place habitable before the end of the year. We pushed a cart full of scraps from the tile layer when a worker next door asked which company we worked for. "Face" is guarded in China, of the inquired and the inquirer, so we made up a name and said it with a smile. The other unit›s interior work is contracted; owners do not show up with rolled-up sleeves but with fans to watch the work progress, fanning from the shade sipping their soda.

My host family will get an upgrade from their current dwelling and I will hang my name on a permanent address for the first time in a surrounding that represents everything I rebelled against, of gated communities of the privileged classes, owned by no less than J. Matheson Holdings of Hong Kong!

But a good deal is what I got, a seventh of the cost for a third of the space. I told the ceramic floor setter to tell inquirers that I was the house gardener since I am seen tending the garden of corn, radish, cabbage, cucumber, gourds, and green beans.

On feng shui, my third of the space is no bargain. I face the north side that does not get the sun even in the summer, let alone winter. Still, since my next seven years is writing, I got me a quiet secluded surrounding.

To sing praises for One Capitol must be a function of old age.

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Coffee or tea for thee?

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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If you're looking for a mix of coffee drinkers and tea drinkers, Saipan is one of the world's more exotic examples. So here's the latest from the coffee-or-tea front: According to a Sept. 1 article in the U.K. *Daily Mail*, tea offers some health benefits that coffee doesn't.

The article featured a study that was based on looking at some health and tea- and coffee- consumption habits for 131,401 people.

That's just one article, and one study, among many, so I'm offering it as an item of current interest, not as the final word on anything.

As for conventional wisdom, I think most people, even coffee drinkers, would say that green tea is a healthy choice, but I don't know where, or even if, science will ever draw the line on this.

Me, I'm usually lined up for coffee simply because I grew up with it and I like it.

Paradoxically enough, having a taste for coffee sometimes drives me into the arms of tea because in much of the world you can't get a decent cup of coffee. Nothing is worse than bad coffee. It's positively demoralizing.

One of Abraham Lincoln's more famous quotes is, "If this is coffee, please bring me some tea; but if this is tea, please bring me some coffee." In my book, this rates second only to "Where's the bathroom?" when learning phrases in a foreign language.

The Pew Research Center posted some interesting coffee and tea data in 2013.

Eye-balling that information, if I had to settle on a global line of demarcation for coffee vs. tea, Finland would be a good candidate. West of that longitude, coffee is the generally the brew of choice. This includes western Europe and the Americas, with Great Britain being a notable exception. East of that longitude, tea is usually the winner. This includes Russia and Asia, though I'll note that the Philippines is one exception. But I'm not going to tally all the exceptions, I'm just looking at the general layout, and in that regard it's a fairly clear split.

As for Africa, the data is a bit sparse, but coffee and tea are both represented.

Globally, according to Pew's information, in terms of cups consumed, tea surpasses coffee. However, in terms of pounds produced globally, coffee outweighs tea by almost a two-to-one margin. A cup of tea requires less weight of product than a cup of coffee does.

If you added up all the coffee and tea consumed in the world, it came to about 29 billion pounds for the year 2011.

Well, for today we've drained this topic to the bottom of the cup, so I'll just stir around some stray items.

On the tea front, one item is that in Chinese, black tea is called "red" tea. Well, China should know; it is by far the world's largest producer of tea.

Black tea and green tea come from the same basic type of plant. The difference is a function of how the leaves are processed after harvesting.

I have no idea how to properly prepare tea. All I know is that whatever I do it's invariably wrong, so I let my friends handle those chores. After all, I'm the kind of guy who would serve single-malt Scotch in a "Smash Up Derby 1983 Championship" beer mug, so I'm not nearly qualified to deal with the nuances of fine tea preparation.

On the coffee front, however, they've got stuff that not even I can screw up. An American company called Keurig has hit the jackpot with a line of high-tech, single-serving coffee makers. The coffee comes in a little cartridge about the size of a golf ball. The cartridge is loaded into the machine, a button is pushed and, instant-presto, you've got a fresh cup of coffee. These machines are at the luxury end of the spectrum, costing from $75 to $150 and more, but they prevent the scourge of coffee stewing on the burner and getting funky.

There are a lot of things that come and go in life, but coffee and tea are two constants. Saipan is doing its share to contribute to the billions of pounds of annual consumption.

Persistent Singultus

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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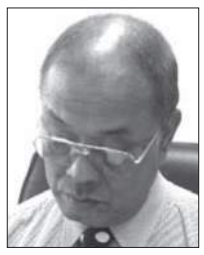

Don't panic about the term "singultus." It's a Latin word and medical term for "hiccups" we seem to have tons of beyond the hospital since recent past. For our purposes, we'd cruise in and out of issues and turn 'em into humor. We need some laughter to sashay our way out of the disastrous economic rut everywhere.

Herculean: The local economy is in such shambles it would take over three decades to revive, if at all. But then, screw comprehensive planning; like it the way it is employing the ad hoc method.

Retirement: Retirees are exhausted, chasing down information about the political restoration of their 25 percent. Well, it seems a magical show of "now you see it, now you don't." Weren't born yesterday, *lai*! But we love our two-headed snake!

The facts be damned, the fund settlement's unfunded liability of some $791 million would turn this issue acrimonious for many moons to come. It would consistently turn scarce revenue into Pacific soup. Isn't this redundancy insanity in itself—juggling the same numbers hoping for different results?

Failure: Then came an offer from a messiah to introduce a new program. Didn't you people just bankrupt the current program? Folks know you're only waving a paper tiger. Get us the real McCoy, pal! Didn't we go from "bonus" to "bogus"? Sussss!

Budget: How do we get politicians to proactively support the financial needs of CHC? Put them in the ICU then begin a conversation that you ran out of medication and supplies: Out of stock!

Casino policy: Every senatorial district has its own casino policy. Each must work on its own so it eventually stops feeding off a hog's back, so to speak. Pitch in, pal, for the pain, hardship, and suffering are the same all over! Breastfeeding would soon end too! Did you get that, pal?

Scholarships: Too many scholarship programs you wonder if the source is the same. If so, then it's time to centralize the whole thing. Why should a student from other islands be getting more scholarship funds over Saipan students? Fair is fair especially when the source is the same!

Integrated energy: Any reasonable reduction in power bills would be a monumental task. Not with CUC literally lurching with fiscal issues to fulfill federal court stipulated orders.

Translated: We would be paying higher power bills as a result of the agency's day late and dollar short mode of planning for eventualities. Can't even ascertain if there would be power tomorrow. A receivership is in order and the federal court's intervention should aid destitute end users.

Culture: Over the years there's resurgence in sentiment about the need to preserve the indigenous culture. Sounds great! But haven't we openly violated what we preach as to forget that our feet are now larger than our mouths?

We have grand contradictions that are despicably humiliating, e.g., no more outsiders but simultaneously approved casino for 5,000 more guest workers or encouraging use of the local vernacular by explaining it all in English? Hello?

Vocabulary: An incumbent legislator was asked about policy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Senate and this election

There's been a lot of smoke blown since Sen. Yumul resigned his seat, as constitutionally required, to run for lieutenant governor. Let's cut to the chase. There are three Senate seats to be filled in the upcoming election on Nov. 4: two for full four-year terms and one to fill the remainder of Sen. Yumul's term. So what is the best way to accomplish that task?

The CNMI Constitution provides the standard. Because more than half of Sen. Yumul's term remains to be served, the vacancy must be filled by "special election." We already have a regular "general election" constitutionally scheduled for Nov. 4. Everybody agrees that the special election should be held on the same day to save the Commonwealth money.

But after that, thanks to the "leadership" of Sen. Pete P. Reyes, it becomes political—profoundly, mysteriously, perplexingly, and distressingly political. Fast-tracked though the Senate and House in a week without a single dissenting vote, Senate Bill 18-66 "reacted" to a mythical hobgoblin – the danger that someone would seek to simultaneously run for two separate offices—and turned it into a straw man to be readily knocked down by a bill that, literally construed, does precisely nothing, at least so far as this year's elections are concerned.

But Sen. Reyes (and, it would appear, a good number of supporters of the bill) have something quite different in mind than following the plain meaning of the text of the bill. They want to "reason" that filling a Senate vacancy in a special election held on the same day as a general election is a different "office" than that of senator to be filled for a full term in a general election. Why would they reach for such a strained interpretation of the text of the bill?

There is only one possible answer to that question: they seek to disqualify the already certified Senate candidates for the general election from eligibility for election to fill the remainder of Sen. Yumul's term. Why would they want to do that? That is where it gets mysterious. And I am not talking about abstract notions of constitutional or statutory interpretation; I am referring to realistic, concrete, pragmatic motivations. As far as I can discern, there are only two possible answers to that question.

The first is that they support some stealth candidate for Sen. Yumul's seat that they want to give a cakewalk to victory, and who remains in hiding to spring themselves on the public after the special election is declared. The second is even more disturbing. It is that they want to reduce the risk that a certain already-certified candidate (or possibly candidates) might be successful in winning a seat in the Senate. Either of these objectives is fundamentally anti-democratic, as they seek to limit voter choices and frustrate the will of the people.

Which brings us back to the initial question, "What is the best way to fill the vacancy created by Sen. Yumul's resignation?" I have recommended that this seat be filled by the third-highest vote-getter in the general election. As part of that approach, I also recommended that no additional candidates be certified for the special election. The purpose of the second part of the recommendation is to reduce costs, simplify the process, and eliminate the potential for voter confusion.

As a matter of law, I believe the existing candidate certifications for Senate already qualify the seven certified candidates for the special election. If the special election is merged with the general election, utilizing the already certified candidates, there is no need for a separate ballot. This saves the cost of printing a separate ballot and the cost of tabulating a separate ballot.

Excluding the already certified Senate candidates from the special election unconstitutionally limits voter choices. Qualifying additional candidates for the special election will require the printing and tabulation of a separate ballot, which, as already noted, increases costs. It also tends to generate voter confusion by presenting voters with two ballots for the same office.

A final consideration is what might happen if there are two ballots and the candidates certified for the general election ballot are excluded from the special election ballot. In that event, it is entirely possible that the highest vote-getter on the special election ballot ends up with fewer votes than the third highest vote-getter on the general election ballot. That would precipitate a constitutional crisis, as seating the top vote-getter on the special election ballot would mean that the votes for the third-highest vote-getter on the general election ballot were effectively afforded less weight than the votes for the top vote-getter on the special election ballot, in violation of equal protection principles set out by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Reynolds v. Sims*.

Those are the considerations I carefully addressed in making my recommendation. At this point, I leave it to you, valued readers, to answer the question: "What is the best way to select someone to serve the balance of Sen. Yumul's term?"

Stephen C. Woodruff
Independent candidate for Senate

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼81
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼81
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼81

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲60	▼51
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼68
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87	▼80
Honolulu	Sunny	▲87	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼57
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲88	▼67
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼40
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼79
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼73
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼71
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼62
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼69
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲83	▼66
Salem	Sunny	▲94	▼57
San Francisco	Sunny	▲71	▼57
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼60
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼71
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲93	▼75

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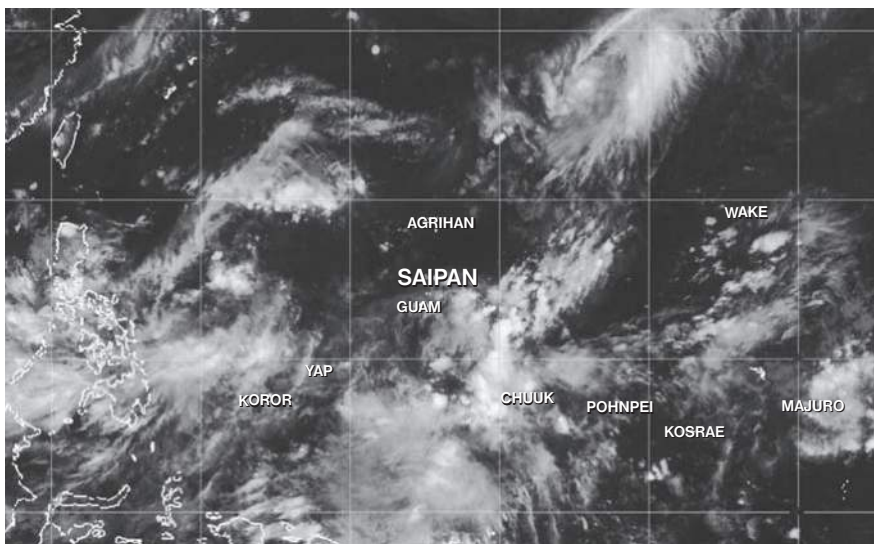

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough curves eastward from a disturbance centered north-northwest of Palau at 13N133E to end west of the Marianas at 13N143E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found north of Palau and near Yap within 150 miles of a line from 11N130E to 9N139E. A surface trough extends northeast from south of Chuuk at EQ149E to 15N155E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present across eastern Yap state, Chuuk state, western Pohnpei state and east of the Marianas between the equator and 10N from 130E to 158E and within 120 miles of a line from 10N149E to 18N158E. Another surface trough extends from near Kosrae at 6N163E northeastward to around 18N170E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 120 miles of the trough axis in the northwestern portion of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Majuro between 4N and 9N from 172E to 178E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:42 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:10 AM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.1 Feet
6:16 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:38 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:05 AM	6:27 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:26 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:25 PM
Monday	6:05 AM	6:24 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:24 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:56 PM	1:45 AM
Saturday	3:52 PM	2:46 AM
Sunday	4:45 PM	3:48 AM
Monday	5:37 PM	4:50 AM
Tuesday	5:37 PM	4:50 AM

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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

MU7076	4:15am	6:50am	2, 6
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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DL287/473	6:05am	9:45pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
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UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 5, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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PERSISTENT

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Said he, "It's when police officers go out on patrol." Oh? Is diplomacy about high school diplomas?

Nobamacare: The NMI is exempt from Obamacare, though no explanation was ever given what the exemption mean for both retirees and regular employees. I do know health premiums would continue increasing.

This is explained by the reduction in the pool of contributors that passes costs to those who opt to stay. Can someone do us the common decency and give us a "dog and pony show" what happens upon exemption? Or do we second-guess our way through it all?

DPL funds: Before I left DPL I secured, via a certified question to the court, use of the agency's "segregated funds." The court agrees with my view that it can't be used for land compensation. Why do you think the agency's budget submission to the Legislature is for "informational purposes only?"

Hellish hole: There's a firewall of increases since recent past. The livelihood of the multitude has deteriorated to subterranean poverty level. And Da Boys are still singing, "Ke sera, sera!" Call it our hellish hole in paradise! Is there such a place? It must be one or the other.

Moreover, some 3,000 of our folks living across the country have gathered in Oregon for a Labor Day softball game. Gubernatorial tandems have seen fit to gravitate to the event in hopes of pitching their wares.

At issue is their forced relocation that didn't evolve out of a desire to leave the islands other than gloom and doom for the last decade. This isn't hard to fathom, is it? Like my bruddah said, "We left because you turned paradise into a hellish hole!"

DB checks: Around grocery stores and poker arcades you see satisfied smiles from DB members who finally received their money. Think through wisely how that income is spent. With nothing to hang your hat on after 20 years in government service, how do you deal with expenses in your golden years? Yep!

There's trouble ahead for this group as it wrestles with medical bills and livelihood issues. Some may make it to Medicaid. But such inclusion fast tracks depletion of federal funds that braces the program. When every penny is spent, we begin shouldering the entire nine yards. Have we the revenue to cover this future need?

Rock bottom: Around the villages you see faces cringing as folks literally struggle to make ends meet, be it NAP coupons or use of Medicaid cards. Difficult envisioning what happens when the cost of Medicaid takes the pathway of the settlement fund. Would we have the gall to cut healthcare services by 25 percent?

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NY soldier missing since World War II identified

NEW YORK (AP)—The remains of a soldier missing in action since World War II have been identified and will be buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery, a Department of Defense office said Wednesday.

Army Pfc. Bernard Gavrin, who was from Brooklyn, was 29 when he was reported missing on July 7, 1944, the Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office said. His regiment had been on Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands of the western Pacific Ocean and came under heavy attack, suffering many casualties.

Gavrin was declared dead in July 1945, and his remains were deemed non-recoverable in 1948. But in recent years, excavations on Saipan by a Japanese nonprofit group have turned up the remains of American and Japanese soldiers.

Last year, the group found remains and personal items of some American soldiers, which were turned over to the American government. Testing using a family member's DNA confirmed Gavrin was among them.

His 82-year-old nephew David Rogers, of Delray Beach, Florida, said he was planning to be at the burial on Sept. 12. He said it was "absolutely incredible and unbelievable to all of us" that Gavrin would be laid to rest in "the most honorable place you could be buried in this country."

Rogers, whose mother was Gavrin's sister, said Gavrin was the youngest of three children and had enlisted in 1940. He said the last time he saw his uncle was when he was 8 years old and his uncle came to visit.

Rogers had injured himself, requiring stitches, and Gavrin went to his bedroom.

"He awakened me and kissed me on the forehead," Rogers recalled.

Gavrin's loss was shattering, Rogers said. When the telegram came and Gavrin's mother, Rogers' grandmother, opened it, "She let out a scream that lives with me to this day," he said.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
AMENDMENT #01

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Special Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. had been postponed to **Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan.** The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMARY MATTERS
- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of Agenda
- d. Adoption of Minutes
  - i. August 20, 2014 Special Board Meeting Minutes

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. NEW BUSINESS
- a. Blue Water Homes Return and Reallocation
- b. Direct Family Loan Supplemental
- c. Loan Modification
- d. Salary Adjustment Act

IV. OLD BUSINESS
- a. NMHC's Policies and Procedures
  1. CDBG
  2. Program and Housing Division
  3. Mortgage & Credit Division
  4. QAP 2015/16

V. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. OTHER MATTERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

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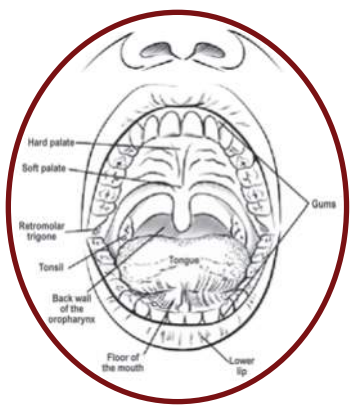
THE FACTS

In 2014, approximately 43,250 people will be diagnosed with oral cancer and oral pharyngeal (posterior/rear of the mouth) cancer in the U.S. Because a large number of these individuals will be diagnosed as late stage cancers (66 %), only 57% of them will survive five years. Each year, oral cancer kills more people in the U.S. than other more widely known forms of cancer, including skin cancer (malignant melanoma), lymphatic cancer (lymphoma), thyroid, and cervical cancer. If oral cancer can be detected early (in stage one or two), the survival rate is 80% to 90 %. But when found as a later stage (three or four), the chances of survival drop to 20 % to 30 %. Late discovery and diagnosis are major factors in high death rate. In the U.S., two thirds of the diagnosed cases will be late stage 3 & 4 cancers this year. Since this cancer in many cases lends itself to early visual and tactile detection, this situation is correctable without the introduction of new science. Additional risks factors for oral cancers include high alcohol consumption, the use of smokeless (chewing tobacco/spit) tobacco, as well as prolonged exposure to the sun (for lip cancers).



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For Prevention

There is a better chance for a cure if oral cancer is found early.

- ✔ **Have an oral exam once a year.** Ask your dental or medical provider for an oral cancer exam during your visit.
- ✔ **Avoid tobacco products —** Cigarettes, chew or snuff, pipes or cigars. 90% of patients with oral cancer use tobacco.
- ✔ **Limit alcohol consumption.** 80% of patients with oral cancer frequently consume alcohol.
- ✔ **Use a lip balm with a SPF of at least 15.** 30% of patients with oral cancer have outdoor occupations associated with prolonged sun exposure.
- ✔ **Eat a variety of fruits and vegetables.** Eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables every day may provide some protection against oral cancer.

A mother's story

I was in Guam on business when my son called and said "Mom they said it's cancer". I can still feel how my heart sank at that moment. No parent wants to hear that their child has cancer no matter how old. I told my son, "don't worry I love you more than myself, we'll beat this thing". I changed my ticket and flew home to Saipan that day. My son was fortunate, his cancer was found early. Because his cancer was found early the surgery to remove the tumor was not too complicated. He had a feeding tube for a couple of weeks and a skin graft inside his mouth to fill in the space where the tumor was. When the skin graft was healed the feeding tube came out. So far all the follow-up scans have come back negative for new cancer. I am not sure when I will stop worrying about the cancer coming back, all mother's worry about their children. L.B.O.

The good news is that a dentist or doctor can see or feel the precancerous tissue changes or any early cancer, finding it at the most curable stages. The examination will only take 3 minutes that could save your life. One of the leading causes of oral cancer in the CNMI is chewing betelnut with tobacco and other additives. Now, the fastest growing segment of oral cancer patients are young, healthy, non-smoking individuals. This is why everyone over the age of 18 should be screened annually. The visual examination is simple, painless, and quick. Early detection saves lives.

A wife's story

In May of 2013, my husband Jack started to experience difficulty in opening his mouth. He also noticed a deep ulcer in the back of his left cheek. He thought it was just a sore that would heal in time. He also started to have fevers. We went to see our doctor and he was given antibiotics for a week, which we thought would help, but didn't. A biopsy was recommended and done at SDA and we got the results a day after Father's day. It was the most painful and devastating news. The first thing that came to our mind was how were we going to explain this to our children and family. We cried the whole drive home. Above all, we remained positive and optimistic that everything will be okay. My husband went through several types of treatment which include surgery, chemo-therapy and radiation therapy-all in a period of about a year. Through it all, we kept our faith and were lovingly surrounded by our family and friends. On June 25, 2014, my husband, †Jack Tenorio Sablan, was called by our Creator. We miss and love him dearly. May his soul forever rest in peace. C.A.S.

Signs and Symptoms

One of the real dangers of oral cancer, is that in its early stages, it can go unnoticed. It can be painless, and little in the way of physical changes may be obvious. This makes it a very dangerous disease. Regular screening by a qualified medical or dental professional, combined with a person's awareness of the disease and detection in the earliest possible stages when a cure is most achievable - is why we urge everyone to take advantage of the ***free oral cancer screening***.

Early Indicators

- Red and/or white discolorations of the soft tissue of the mouth.
- Any sore which does not heal within 14 days.
- Hoarseness which lasts for a prolonged period of time.

Advanced Indicators

- A sensation that something is stuck in your throat
- Numbness in oral region.
- Difficulty in moving the jaw or tongue.
- Difficulty swallowing
- Ear pain which occurs on one side only
- A sore under a denture which even after adjustment of dentures, still does not heal.
- A lump or thickening which develops in the mouth or on the neck.

RISK FACTORS

Tobacco Use. In all its forms, tobacco is a major contributor to the development of oral or mouth cancers. Not using tobacco is the single most important thing you can do to avoid oral cancers.

Excessive Consumption. More than 15 alcoholic beverages per week may put you at greater risk. If you drink, please do so in moderation.

The combined use of alcohol and tobacco. This significantly increases the risk of oral cancer more than either by itself.

Excessive unprotected exposure to sun. Unprotected exposure to sun will increase the likelyhood of lip cancers. Use at least SPF30 sun block on your lip.

Low intake of fruits & vegetables. A diet that does not contain protective nutrients of these foods increases the risk of developing a variety of illnesses including oral cancer.

Use of betel nut and bedis. When chewed or smoked, these are causative agents of mouth cancers. Avoid their use.

A wife's story

In April of this year 2014, my husband Roque passed away from oral cancer. Oral cancer is foreign to my family. His journey started with pain in his mouth and a sore that developed in his inner left cheek. This sore did not heal overtime even with antibiotics treatment. After about six months of coping with the pain, he nally decided to have himself checked only to find out that he had stage 4 oral cancer. For about three months, he underwent intensive chemo and radiation therapy. I stood by him and saw the pain and suffering he had to undergo just to get rid of the monster that was inside of him. He fought a tough battle, unfortunately the cancer was progressive and did not give him a chance. Oral cancer took my husband's life so suddenly. Today I ask myself all the time "what if?" What if got checked up sooner, would my husband have been alive to see our daughters 4th birthday or even her 16th for that matter? What if he took better care of his oral health, would he have had a chance of surviving this type of cancer? What if we were just a little bit more educated about oral cancer? Could he have had quit his chewing habit sooner and continue to be a part of our family or this campaign for this matter? All the what ifs? could haves? should haves? can't bring my husband back. But today I insist on helping other families so that they could still have the opportunity to make memories instead of remembering the memory of a loved one. Lanelle

A sister's story

I lost my baby brother in February 2014 at age of 44. He was my only sibling, my only family left. For him, it started as a white discoloration on his lip which he thought was a canker sore. By the time he went to the doctor, he was already a Stage 4B Oral Cancer patient. He fought strong, but couldn't live another year. If I had forced him hard & early enough, he might have survived. Oral Cancer is one of the easiest cancers to detect, but at the same time, hardest to get diagnosed early enough. And is extremely aggressive. Don't say "maulika, maulika" and wait until it's too late. Don't think it's someone else's problem. No one should go through what we had to go through. M.I.

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The good news is that a dentist or doctor can see or feel precancerous tissue changes or an early cancer, finding it at the most curable stages. The examination will only take ***3 minutes*** of your time.

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Dela Cruz campaigns on theme of 'Taking Care of Tinian'

In various campaign events in the CNMI and the U.S. mainland, Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz emphasized his campaign theme: Taking Care of Tinian.

"The 'Taking Care of Tinian' of Tinian theme reflects our accomplishments over the past four years and our commitment to still more accomplishments over the next four years," said Dela Cruz, who is running as an independent candidate.

"For the past four years, with very limited resources, we have been taking care of Tinian in the areas of tourism, gaming, investments, and economic development; in the prudent financial management of the municipal government; and in relations with the U.S military, with military training activities on Tinian," he said.

Dela Cruz said his re-election campaign is about maintaining a necessary continuity of municipal leadership, with responsible financial stewardship, in the face of all oncoming challenges.

"For the next four years, with the support of the people of Tinian, we will continue 'Taking Care of Tinian' in all of these vital areas," said Dela Cruz.

He takes great pride in the relationships he has developed with members of the U.S. military when it comes to U.S. military training on Tinian. "I support continued military training on Tinian and a divert U.S. Air Force facility on Tinian," said Dela Cruz.

Two hotel/casino investors are in the process of breaking ground for their investment on Tinian.

Through constant encouragement by Dela Cruz, investors are arriving on island to invest in the community, such as Joeten Enterprises' new Ace Hardware, the Alter City Group's proposed $200- million hotel/casino/golf course at Nasarino, and Mega Stars' (the new owner of Tinian Dynasty) public land lease at Kastiyu Plateau for their $600-million integrated resort and theme water park adjacent to TDHC.

The transfer station is another essential infrastructure that the Dela Cruz has been aggressively pursuing to ensure the timely closure of the existing landfill and pave the way for the construction of a hotel and casino course at Nasarino. Dela Cruz states that Tinian has continued to move forward and has become a very exciting place to visit and invest.

Dela Cruz

He also takes great pride in paying off vendors and reducing the Tinian municipal government's outstanding liabilities, because, he said, "Private businesses pay taxes, provide jobs, and should be paid for goods and services rendered."

"When I came into office, our municipal government owed over $4 million; however, since then we reduced our outstanding liabilities by $1.3 million," said Dela Cruz. "I want to continue moving forward to further address our liabilities and continue 'Taking Care of Tinian' over the next four years."

Dela Cruz is running with Trenton Connor, who is seeking a Tinian Senate seat; Joaquin H. Borja, an incumbent senator seeking re-election; and former representative Edwin P. Aldan, who is seeking another term in the House of Representatives.

Also aligned with Dela Cruz, seeking municipal council positions, are Raynaldo Mendiola Cing, Edwin Manglona Hofschneider, and Diana Hocog Borja.

"With the support of many prominent local leaders and the people of our local community, we will continue 'Taking Care of Tinian' over the next four years," vowed Dela Cruz. ***(PR)***

International Festival of Cultures kicks off Sept. 13

The Marianas Visitors Authority kicks off its newest annual signature event, the International Festival of Cultures, on Sept. 13, 2014. Organized in conjunction with the Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture and PDM Promoters, the festival will be staged for four consecutive Saturdays—Sept. 13, 20, and 27 and Oct. 4, 2014—at the Paseo de Marianas pedestrian mall in Garapan. A parade of cultures will be held on Oct. 4 at 5:30pm in Garapan from the Carolinian Affairs Office north along Beach Road to American Memorial Park, ending at Coral Tree Avenue. Booths will open at 5pm. Performances begin at 6pm and the event will run until 11pm. Admission is free. ***(MVA)***

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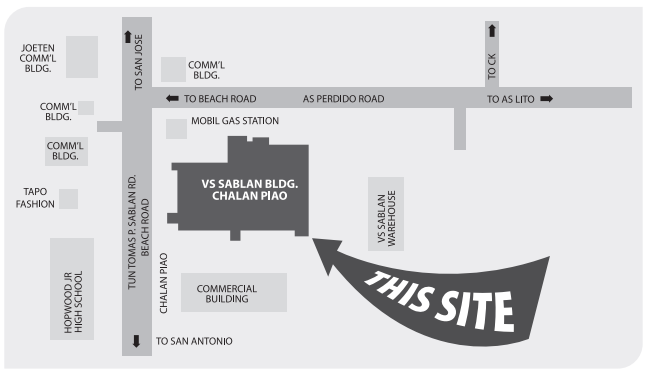

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Java Bakery, Saipan's 1st drive-thru bakery, sets grand opening

Java Bakery, Saipan's first drive-through bakery, will be holding its grand opening tomorrow, Sept. 6, at its location in Chalan Kiya.

Conveniently located at the intersection of Middle Road and Chalan Monsignor Guerrero near the Chalan Kiya Mobil gas station, Java Bakery offers high quality coffee and baked goods at an excellent price.

The owner, Sarah Fryling, grew up on Saipan, and has taken her love of coffee and baking into business. The menu includes cinnamon rolls, muffins, cookies, scones, chocolate zucchini bread and banana bread, and mini pies. The cinnamon rolls are the house special, and there is a daily mini pie flavor, including pumpkin, pecan, chocolate, apple, and blueberry.

Drinks available include hot, iced, and blended coffee with an option of French vanilla, hazelnut, or chocolate flavoring.

Java Bakery also serves high quality Octavia teas, with green, oolong, Earl Grey, chai, chamomile and hibiscus peach flavors.

Special order items such as breads, birthday cakes, and full sized pies are also available by pre-order if you call Fryling at 287-1265.

At the moment, Java Bakery is exclusively a drive-through establishment, operating Monday to Friday, from 6:30am to 5pm, and Saturday, from 6:30am to 12pm. The bakery prides itself on quick and convenient service, and also accepts call-ahead orders (287-1265) if you do not wish to wait for your order when you arrive.

The bakery offers loyalty reward cards for baked goods and drinks, and as an incentive for bringing in your own mug, any drink will be charged as small, regardless of the size of mug brought.

Saturday's grand opening will include drink specials and one free mini cinnamon roll per customer. Also, the first 25 customers will receive 25-percent off of their order. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 8am to "officially" open business. All are welcome!

Perhaps next year, Fryling will look into expanding into another location with seating, somewhere closer to Garapan. For now, the drive-through, modeled after U.S. West Coast examples, is filling all of Sarah's time, but expansion is definitely on the horizon! ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Java Bakery, Saipan's first drive-through bakery, is modeled after U.S. West Coast examples.

BECQ brigade sets Tanapag Beach cleanup

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality Cleanup Brigade will be picking up trash at Tanapag Beach on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014, starting at at 8am. If you would like to volunteer, meet the BECQ representatives on Saturday at the Tanapag Social Hall area/parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

The public is also invited to also take part in this year's annual International Coastal Cleanup, which will be held on Sept. 26-27, 2014. For more information on how to participate in the ICC, contact Avra Heller at 664-8510.

For more information about volunteering, contact the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. ***(BECQ)***

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Malaysia Airlines renames 'bucket list' promotion

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Malaysia Airlines has renamed a promotional competition asking people what activities and destinations are on their "bucket list" after acknowledging it was inappropriate given the two deadly disasters it has suffered this year. A bucket list is a term used by some English-speakers to describe a list of adventures they want to have before they die. The "My Ultimate Bucket List Campaign" asked customers to come up with suggestions, the best of which would win prizes including flights on the airline. A statement from Malaysia Airlines didn't say what the new name of the campaign was, which is running in Australia and New Zealand until the end of the year. The airline said Thursday that it had withdrawn the title because it was "found to be inappropriate at this point in time." "The airline appreciates and respects the sentiments of the public and in no way did it intend to offend any parties," it said. A Malaysia Airlines jet with 239 people on board went missing March 8 while en route to Beijing and no trace of it has been found. In July, a Malaysia Airlines jet was shot down over Ukraine, killing all 298 people on board.

Booming crossover SUV sales trigger car discounts

DETROIT (AP)—The seismic shift in American car-buying toward trucks and crossover SUVs is creating great deals on compact and midsize cars. The shift, which has been going on for more than a year, is hurting car sales so much that automakers are offering bigger discounts to keep moving metal. The change became even more pronounced in August, with companies such as General Motors and Chrysler reporting that truck sales, including crossover SUVS, were up while car sales fell. The increasing SUV and truck popularity, and discount-fueled sales of some midsize cars, helped U.S. auto industry to its best August in 11 years last month, with sales rising 5.4 percent from a year ago to 1.58 million, according to Ward's Automotive. While prices remain high for trucks and SUVs, they're either falling or rising only slightly on cars, and that means good deals for consumers. "It's definitely a good time to buy a midsize car," says Jessica Caldwell, senior analyst at the Edmunds.com automotive website. Every midsize sedan is comfortable, looks good and performs well, so price is nearly the only differentiator, she says. Automakers spent an average of $1,841 per car to discount compacts last month, up 7 percent from a year ago, while prices fell 1.2 percent, according to estimates from Edmunds.

Michael Bloomberg returning to lead Bloomberg LP

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Mayor Michael Bloomberg is returning to lead the financial data and news company he founded in 1981 but left to serve three terms in City Hall. The company, Bloomberg LP, said Wednesday that current CEO Daniel Doctoroff will step down at the end of the year. Doctoroff was a deputy mayor under Bloomberg. His departure makes way for Bloomberg to take back the helm of the company, of which he still owns more than 85 percent. The 72-year-old Bloomberg handed the reins of America's largest city to Bill de Blasio on Jan. 1. In a statement, Bloomberg said he never intended to return to his company after 12 years as mayor. But after reacquainting with its operations, he said, he could not resist its lure.

Andrew Madoff dies of cancer in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—Andrew Madoff, Bernard Madoff's last surviving son, died of cancer on Wednesday, years after turning his father in and insisting he had been duped like the rest of the world into believing history's most notorious Ponzi king was an honest financier. Andrew Madoff, 48, was "surrounded by his loving family" when he died at a hospital from mantle cell lymphoma, said his attorney, Martin Flumenbaum. Andrew Madoff and his brother, Mark Madoff, worked on the legitimate trading side of their father's Manhattan firm, two floors removed from the private investment business where Bernard Madoff carried out his $65 billion Ponzi scheme over several decades.

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The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED (300) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00)** shall be assessed the awarded bidder for each calendar day the completion of the delivery is delayed beyond the completion date without excuse.

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A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, September 12, 2014,** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

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Nation

Immigration law has some rock 'n' roll roots

WASHINGTON (AP)— The argument over President Barack Obama's legal authority to defer deportations began 42 years ago with a bit of hashish, a dogged lawyer and John Lennon and Yoko Ono.

President Richard Nixon was seeking re-election and Lennon was in New York facing deportation from a Nixon administration eager to disrupt the famous ex-Beatle's planned concert tour and voter registration drive. The case hinged on Lennon's 1968 conviction for possession of "cannabis resin" in London.

Lennon was eager to at least delay his deportation so Ono could fight for custody of her 9-year-old daughter by a previous husband. Lennon and Ono approached Leon Wildes, a young lawyer who knew his immigration law.

In time, the effort to extend Lennon's stay in the United States would become an integral part of the legal foundation the Obama administration relied on in 2012 to set up a program that has deferred the deportation of more than 580,000 immigrants who entered the country illegally as children.

"All I can say is, John Lennon is smiling in his grave," Wildes said in an interview. "He helped accomplish that."

The extent of Obama's legal authority is now central to the White House deliberations over what else Obama can do—and when—without congressional action to reduce deportations and give many of the 11 million immigrants illegally in the United States the ability to stay and work without fear of being removed.

Until the Lennon case, the Immigration and Naturalization Service had not acknowledged it used its own discretion in deciding whom to deport. But through the Freedom of Information Act, Wildes discovered 1,843 instances in which the INS had invoked such prosecutorial discretion as part of a secret program for "non-priority" cases.

Once the program was revealed, the INS had no choice but to concede its existence and issued official guidance on how it would be applied.

"The remarkable work of Leon Wildes really led to the old agency of INS making its policy about prosecutorial discretion and non-priority status public for the first time," said Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, a law professor at The Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law who has written extensively about executive powers in immigration law.

Immigration lawyers and many legal scholars like Wadhia argue Obama draws his authority to act from a broad range of sources, from the Constitution to immigration laws to government regulations.

ACROSS THE NATION

Source: US to investigate Ferguson police

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Justice Department plans to open a wide-ranging investigation into the practices of the Ferguson, Missouri, Police Department following the shooting last month of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer in the St. Louis suburb, a person briefed on the matter said Wednesday night. The person said the investigation could be announced as early as Thursday afternoon. Missouri officials were notified Wednesday of the probe. The investigation will look at the practices in the past few years of the police department, including patterns of stops, arrests and use-of-force, as well as the training the officers receive, the person said. The inquiry is separate from an ongoing civil rights investigation the Justice Department is conducting into the shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown by Officer Darren Wilson on Aug. 9. A local grand jury is also investigating the shooting, which set off about two weeks of unrest in the streets of Ferguson and became a flashpoint in the national discussion of police treatment of minorities across the country. Attorney General Eric Holder two weeks ago visited the St. Louis suburb, where he met with investigators and Brown's parents and shared personal experiences of having himself been mistreated by the police.

Family says slain reporter gave voice to voiceless

PINECREST, Fla. (AP)—The family of a journalist slain by Islamic State militants says Steven Sotloff dedicated his life to portraying the suffering of people in war zones, but was "no hero." Family spokesman Barak Barfi told reporters gathered outside the family's suburban Miami home Wednesday that Sotloff "tried to find good concealed in a world of darkness," and to give voice to the weak and suffering in the Arab world. A militant video released Tuesday showed the beheading of Sotloff, who was kidnapped in Syria last year. Barfi said Sotloff was "no war junkie," but was drawn to the stories of the turbulent Middle East. Barfi said Sotloff's family was grieving, but have pledged to "not allow our enemies to hold us hostage with the sole weapon they possess—fear."

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Marianas Trench Monument Advisory Council (MTMAC) invites the public to provide input on a proposed Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitor Center. Recommendations will be collected from the public regarding the purpose, location, and funding of the visitor center at three meetings scheduled as follows:

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, September 16	Fleming Hotel, Tinian	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 17	American Memorial Park, Saipan	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Monday, September 22	Mayor's Office, Rota	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

For additional information regarding the **MTMAC** public meetings, please contact **DLNR** at **664-6000**.

Your Baby at 6 Months

Child's Name | Child's Age | Today's Date

How your child plays, learns, speaks, and acts offers important clues about your child's development. Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age.

Check the milestones your child has reached by the end of 6 months. Take this with you and talk with your child's doctor at every visit about the milestones your child has reached and what to expect next.

What Most Babies Do at this Age:

Social/Emotional
- ❑ Knows familiar faces and begins to know if someone is a stranger
- ❑ Likes to play with others, especially parents
- ❑ Responds to other people's emotions and often seems happy
- ❑ Likes to look at self in a mirror

Language/Communication
- ❑ Responds to sounds by making sounds
- ❑ Strings vowels together when babbling ("ah," "eh," "oh") and likes taking turns with parent while making sounds
- ❑ Responds to own name
- ❑ Makes sounds to show joy and displeasure
- ❑ Begins to say consonant sounds (jabbering with "m," "b")

Cognitive (learning, thinking, problem-solving)
- ❑ Looks around at things nearby
- ❑ Brings things to mouth
- ❑ Shows curiosity about things and tries to get things that are out of reach
- ❑ Begins to pass things from one hand to the other

Movement/Physical Development
- ❑ Rolls over in both directions (front to back, back to front)
- ❑ Begins to sit without support
- ❑ When standing, supports weight on legs and might bounce
- ❑ Rocks back and forth, sometimes crawling backward before moving forward

Act Early by Talking to Your Child's Doctor if Your Child:

- ❑ Doesn't try to get things that are in reach
- ❑ Shows no affection for caregivers
- ❑ Doesn't respond to sounds around him
- ❑ Has difficulty getting things to mouth
- ❑ Doesn't make vowel sounds ("ah", "eh", "oh")
- ❑ Doesn't roll over in either direction
- ❑ Doesn't laugh or make squealing sounds
- ❑ Seems very stiff, with tight muscles
- ❑ Seems very floppy, like a rag doll

Tell your child's doctor or nurse if you notice any of these signs of possible developmental delay for this age, and talk with someone in your community who is familiar with services for young children in your area, such as your state's public early intervention program. For more information, go to **www.cdc.gov/concerned** or call **1-800-CDC-INFO.**

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Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

Al-Qaida leader says it has expanded into India

NEW DELHI (AP)—The head of al-Qaida says the group has expanded into the Indian subcontinent. Ayman al-Zawahiri says in a video message that al-Qaida has been preparing for years to set up in India. The new group "is the fruit of a blessed effort of more than two years to gather the mujahedeen in the Indian subcontinent into a single entity," he said in a video seen online by the SITE monitoring group. While the statement referred to the "Indian subcontinent," al-Qaida has long been active in Pakistan, and al-Zawahiri's comments were widely seen as directed at India, a largely Hindu nation with a large Muslim minority.

Negotiators meet in Pakistan over mass rallies

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Negotiators for thousands of protesters demonstrating outside of Pakistan's parliament met Wednesday with politicians trying to end the crisis, but key challenges appear to remain—including their demand that the prime minster resign. Anti-government protesters converged on Islamabad more than two weeks ago, demanding Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif step down. The twin protests are led by opposition politician Imran Khan and fiery cleric Tahir-ul-Qadri. The negotiations Wednesday signified a possible easing of tensions after violent clashes between demonstrators and police in the capital, Islambad. But similar attempts to negotiate an end to the crisis have failed to make progress. A group of politicians met separately Wednesday with representatives from both Qadri and Khan. In a news conference, one of the politicians, Sirajul Haq, said there had been some success in their talks, although he urged caution.

Japan seeks to resume Antarctic whaling next year

TOKYO (AP)—Japan is seeking international support for its plans to hunt minke whales in the Antarctic Ocean next year by scaling down the whaling research program the U.N. top court rejected earlier this year, fisheries officials said Wednesday. Whaling for research purposes is exempt from the 1986 international ban on commercial whaling, and Japan has conducted hunts in the Antarctic and Pacific on that basis. But in March, the International Court of Justice ruled the Antarctic program wasn't scientific as Japan had claimed and must stop. Japan's Fisheries Agency is working on a revised program to be submitted to the International Whaling Commission's scientific committee around November. The agency will announce its intention and basic plan at the Sept. 15-18 IWC meeting in Slovenia and will continue to finalize catch targets and other details over the next few weeks.

11 killed in Afghanistan as Taliban, army clash

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—An Afghan official says that an attack by Taliban fighters has killed five Afghan soldiers and wounded 14 in the country's west. Gov. Fazullah Wahidi said Wednesday that the overnight attack also resulted in the deaths of six Taliban fighters. Wahidi said the attackers were wearing Afghan army uniforms. The violence comes as Afghanistan waits for the final results of its presidential election. Election officials are carrying out a recount of ballots from the runoff and results are expected next week.

5 women named to Japan's Cabinet, tying past high

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's prime minister picked five women for his Cabinet on Wednesday, matching the past record and sending the strongest message yet about his determination to change deep-seated views on gender and revive the economy by getting women on board as workers and leaders. Japan has a vast pool of talented, well-educated women, but they are far under-represented in positions of power in government and corporations. Women make up 10 percent of parliament and just 3.9 percent of board members of listed Japanese companies, versus 12 percent at U.S. corporations and 18 percent in France. Women here have long complained about the obstacles to getting taken seriously at work, receiving equal pay for equal work and finding child care or helpful spouses.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the public is advised that the Commonwealth Public Transportation Advisory Board will hold its FY 2014 First Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2014, 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Bldg., Isa Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

Preliminary (Draft) Agenda

Call to Order

I. Welcome & Introduction of New Members, Staffs and Guests
II. Roll call
III. Public Comment on Agenda Items
IV. New Business
- a. New Board Membership Orientation
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    3. PSS Co-Up Career Training Program
- e. Saipan Fixed-Flex Route and Paratransit Systems
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- k. Propose CNMI Public Transportation Rules & Regulations (draft): PL. 18-50
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V. Reports
- a. COTA Annual Report to Governor and Presiding Officers of the Legislature

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VII. Grant Application/Local Budget Request Status
- a. DOT TIGER Grant Application
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- a. NMC Internship Program

IX. Next Meeting – January 2015
X. Adjournment

NOTE: Pursuant to PL. 8-41, Sec. 13(a)7, the board may vote to meet in Executive Session

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require special accommodations are requested to call COTA 3 days in advance at 664-2682 (COTA) or email at cota@gov.mp. The Public is welcome to submit written or 3 minutes oral comments regarding the agenda above.

/S/ **THOMAS J. CAMACHO**
Special Assistant for Public Transportation

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **BENJAMIN TAISACAN MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP No. 3-69-0003-22,** will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *"Procurement and Delivery of One (1) 1,500-Gallon ARFF Vehicle to the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport, Rota, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0003-22"*, and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., October 3, 2014**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

A CD-Rom containing the contract documents including specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The procurement is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED (300) CALENDAR DAYS.** Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00)** shall be assessed the awarded bidder for each calendar day the completion of the delivery is delayed beyond the completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, September 12, 2014,** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", and all other required forms and information as required, stipulated and contained in the bid proposal documents and specifcations, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

The proposed agreement is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A bidder having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: August 22, 2014

World

World leaders eye united front against militants

WASHINGTON (AP)—World leaders, nervously eyeing a growing threat from Islamic State militants, will seek to build a united front this week against the violent extremist group and keep it from creeping beyond its borders.

Yet international plans to counter the Islamic State group—with combined military might, diplomatic pressure on abetting partners and economic penalties—pale in comparison to the extremists' ruthlessness and command of the swath of land it controls across parts of northern Syria and Iraq. For the second time in as many weeks, Islamic State militants released a video showing the beheading of an American journalist, and governments from Britain to Saudi Arabia to Australia warned of the potential of their citizens joining the fight—and then bringing the violence back home.

"Our objective is clear, and that is to degrade and destroy ISIL so that it's no longer a threat," President Barack Obama said Wednesday during a visit to Estonia, using an alternate acronym for the Islamic State. He later headed to Wales for an annual meeting of leaders of the NATO military alliance.

AP

U.S. President Barack Obama speaks during a news conference with Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves at the Bank of Estonia in Tallinn, Estonia, Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014.

Separately, during an appearance in Maine, Vice President Joe Biden declared that the U.S. will pursue the militants to "the gates of hell."

In Wales, British Prime Minister David Cameron said he was considering joining a nearly monthlong U.S. airstrike campaign in Iraq against the Islamic State group, adding to military aid that London has already approved.

"We'll always ask ourselves what is in our national interest," Cameron said, according to Britain's Guardian newspaper. "Not ruling things out, but going forward in a deliberate, sensible, resolute way."

And in the Mideast, the United Arab Emirates called for a coordinated international effort to tackle the "global scourge" of terrorism, raising particular concern about the threat posed by Islamic State fighters.

Ebola survivors: Hospital staff exposed in Africa

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—The hospital in Liberia where three American aid workers got sick with Ebola has been overwhelmed by a surge in patients and doesn't have enough hazard suits and other supplies to keep doctors and nurses safe, a missionary couple told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The latest infection -- of Rick Sacra, a doctor who wasn't even working in the hospital's Ebola unit -- shows just how critical protective gear is to containing the deadly epidemic, and how charities alone can't handle the response, they said.

Nancy Writebol and her husband, David, called for reinforcements during the AP interview, which followed her first news conference since recovering from Ebola disease. They work for North Carolina-based SIM, the charity that supports the ELWA hospital in Monrovia, Liberia.

About 250 staffers at the hospital use thousands of disposable protective suits each week, but that's not enough to fully protect the doctors and nurses who must screen people entering the emergency room or treat patients outside the 50-bed Ebola isolation unit, they said.

"We don't have enough personal protective safety equipment to adequately be able to safely diagnose if a patient has Ebola. So they are putting themselves at risk," David Writebol said.

Sacra, 51, a doctor from suburban Boston who spent 15 years working at the hospital, felt compelled to return despite these challenges. As soon as he heard that Dr. Kent Brantly and Nancy Writebol were sick, Sacra called and said "I'm ready to go," SIM President Bruce Johnson said.

Saipan Shrimp & Broodstock Co., Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following position:

Operations Manager (1)
Job duties: The operations manager is responsible in planning and implementation of the overall business direction of the company. Responsible for creating production and marketing plans and making sure these plans are implemented and targets are achieved accordingly.

Job requirements: Minimum 5 years experience in managing shrimp aquaculture business. Must have the technical knowledge on shrimp farming as well as the skills necessary in business management. Must be a graduate of a 4-year degree course related to aquaculture or business management and have proven track record of managing businesses and people. The position also requires being on call 24 hours, 7 days a week. Basic knowledge of electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems also required.

Shrimp Hatchery Supervisor (1)
Job duties: Planning and production of at least 500,000 shrimp larvae every month. Work involves shrimp broodstock selection, maturation and conditioning, breeding and larval rearing. The supervisor is also in charge in the scheduling and delegation of work to aquaculture farmers.

Job requirements: At least 2 years experience in actual L. vannamei hatchery operations. A degree in aquaculture or related field an advantage. Willing to be on call 24 hours. Good in oral and written communication and should be literate in MS Word and Excel spreadsheets.

Electrician
Job duties: Pull out, installation, repair and maintenance of water pumps, motor aerators, and other support equipment for aquaculture. Repair and maintenance of electrical installations, building, and other structures. Repair and maintenance of heavy duty generators.

Job requirements: Minimum 4 years experience in electrical and mechanical works. Related engineering degree and previous experience in aquaculture operations is an advantage and preferred. Willing to be on call 24 hours a day. Able to lift up to 75lbs.

Accountant
Job duties: Prepare, examine or analyze accounting record, financial statements or other financial reports to asses accuracy, completeness and conformance to reporting and procedural standards. Report to management regarding the finances of establishments. Establish tables of accounts and design entries to proper accounts. Develop, implement, modify and document record keeping and accounting systems. Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns ensuring compliance with payment, reporting and other tax requirements.

Job requirements: Accounting graduate or 4 years bachelor degree in accounting. Minimum 5 years experience in accounting. Well-versed in SAP accounting or any other accounting software. Must be skilled in use of MS Excel, Word and PowerPoint. Strong communication and interpersonal skills, team player and with positive attitude.

Aquaculture Farmer (2)
Job duties: Feeding and monitoring of live aquatic animals, cleaning of tanks, weighing of feeds, harvesting and packing, nighttime monitoring, grounds maintenance and other related jobs.

Job requirements: High school graduate, in good physical and health condition, able to lift up to 60lbs., knowledge of basic mathematical calculations. Must be willing to work night shifts, be a team player and with good working attitude.

Sales Representative
Job duties: Market development, delivery, collection and other customer relations duty. Formulations of sales and marketing strategies. Market survey and analysis and competitor benchmarking.

Job requirements: Minimum experience of 4 years in the seafood retail and wholesale business. Professional driving skills required. Proficient in MS Word and Excel. With proven track record in sales specifically in market development. With excellent oral and written communication skills. Able to lift up to 60lbs.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at the Saipan Shrimp & Broodstock Co., Ltd. Human Resources Office located in Linao Ln, China Town. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Friday, September 12, 2014.

Saipan Shrimp & Broodstock Co., Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

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COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE
SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PARKING FACILITIES
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-001-15

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is inviting proposals for the Management and Operation of the Saipan International Airport Parking Facilities for five (5) years.

The Proposal Package and Specifications will be available for pick up at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport beginning August 22, 2014.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Saipan International Airport Terminal Departure Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All proposers are requested to attend.

All proposals must be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Management and Operations of the Saipan International Airport Parking Facilities, CPA-RFP-001-15".
One original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, September 12, 2014, to the Office of the Executive Director at the aforementioned location.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so, would be in CPA's best interest. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Executive Director

Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, September 18th , 2014 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan
(Tel: 234-9661 ● Fax: 234-9666 ● e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of August 21st, 2014 minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings
1. Conditional Use Application #2014-3134: Quadro P's Enterprises is proposing to operate a Catering and Barbeque business on lot# 0-185 in Koblerville. This use is classified as Catering Service, and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is located along Tinala Avenue, and is zoned as Village Residential.

C. Board Review
1. Request for Board determination on File# 2014-1792: Dongbei Inc dba Diamond Water Company for a new Conditional Use hearing.

D. Communications/Reports

E. Old Business.
1. None

F. New Business
1. Office Operations Report

G. Executive (Closed) Session.

H. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Quadro P's Enterprises

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Date: September 18th, 2014, Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, September 16th , 2014. Written comments may also be submitted via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp , via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2013).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

Off The Wall

Cobra loose in Los Angeles suburb can be deadly

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP)—Southern California animal control officers hunted Wednesday for a highly venomous cobra that bit a dog and then slithered off into a suburban Los Angeles neighborhood.

Authorities warned that the neurotoxin venom from the albino monocled cobra can be deadly and urged people to call 911 if they saw the snake.

"Do not approach it, do not try to capture it, do not try to kill it," said Brandon Dowling, a Los Angeles County spokesman.

If the snake does bite someone, antivenom will be flown in from the San Diego Zoo, Dowling said.

The cobra, photographed near a wall, appeared to be several feet long. It bit a dog on Monday evening, but the owner didn't report it until Tuesday, Dowling said.

Television news reports showed the dog, named Kiko, with a large red wound on its neck Wednesday but otherwise the pet appeared healthy.

State wildlife officials and county animal control officers searched the area for the snake without luck but planned to keep looking into Wednesday evening, authorities said. They had not located the owner.

Cobras are illegal to own in California except for educational and scientific purposes, and a permit is required.

The monocled cobra, which can grow to more than 4 feet long, gets its name from the ring or circle design on the back of its hood—although the albino appears to be pure white. It is common in Southeast Asia and parts of India and China.

The albino probably was bred in captivity because its color would make it vulnerable to hawks and other predators in the wild, said Greg Pauly, curator of herpetology at the county's Natural History Museum.

Woman accused of shoplifting $144 in eye shadow

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)—An Arkansas woman whose mug shot shows her in heavy aqua and maroon eye shadow is accused of shoplifting $144 in makeup.

Allen

Police in Fayetteville, Arkansas, arrested 31-year-old Brandy Allen, accusing her of stuffing handfuls of eye shadow into her purse Monday.

Officers said that, after being confronted, Allen went on a profanity-laced tirade and tried to damage makeup as she pulled it out of her purse so the items would appear used.

The Washington County jail said Wednesday that Allen was released on $830 bond on charges of shoplifting and disorderly conduct. Jailers did not have a record of whether Allen had a lawyer. A telephone number could not be found for the woman in Fayetteville.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Penn State student gains rep as squirrel whisperer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)—A Penn State student is gaining an Internet reputation as a "squirrel whisperer" for befriending, feeding and dressing up a furry little friend she has named "Sneezy." Junior Mary Krupa tells WJAC-TV that she's able to dress up the squirrel in party hats, or get Sneezy to hold doll-sized props, simply by feeding the animal. Krupa and Sneezy's exploits are chronicled in a Facebook page titled "Sneezy the Penn State Squirrel." So far, the squirrel is proving quite popular. Its Facebook page has more "likes" than a page dedicated to the school's official mascot, the Nittany Lion.

New England's tallest lighthouse sells for $78,000

YORK, Maine (AP)—New England's tallest lighthouse has been sold for $78,000. A federal government spokeswoman says the General Services Administration has accepted a bid for the Boon Island Light Station off York, Maine. The winning bidder is Portland, Maine, resident Art Girard. The Administration closed out an auction of the 133-foot-tall lighthouse tower on Aug. 17. More than a dozen bidders vied for it. The government had to approve Girard's bid, which was the highest of the bunch. The lighthouse was built in 1855 and is located on a tiny rocky island 6 miles off the Maine coast. It's still active as a navigational aid. It is one of 57 active lighthouses in Maine and is the tallest in New England, though not the highest above sea level.

Police: Utah suspect swallows stolen ring

OREM, Utah (AP)—Two people were arrested on suspicion of felony theft after police said one of them swallowed a stolen ring in an attempt to hide it. Police say an X-ray clearly showed the ring inside the stomach of 25-year-old Christina Schlegel. Investigators say 29-year-old Bryan Ford had been examining a ring worth several thousand dollars at a Zales jewelry store on Friday night in Orem, about 45 miles south of Salt Lake City, when he allegedly left with it. Police say he was chased by an employee as he got into a car driven away by Schlegel. Officers stopped the car and arrested both suspects a short time later. Police say they were baffled as to the ring's whereabouts until the X-ray of Schlegel's stomach was taken.

Motorcyclist brags to cops he hit 185 mph in chase

CONCORD, N.H. (AP)—New Hampshire police say a motorcyclist clocked at 127 mph bragged after being arrested that he had reached 185 mph during the chase. State police say 31-year-old David J. Fries, of Manchester, was spotted by a trooper on Interstate 93 in Bow at about 2:45 a.m. Saturday. The first trooper eventually ended the chase, but another trooper saw Fries crash into a guardrail after he exited Interstate 393. Police say Fries then led officers on an hourlong foot chase in Concord. He was subdued with help from a police dog.

Dog turns on stove, which then sets laptop ablaze

LACEY TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP)—Police say a New Jersey family's dog turned on the stove, which caught the laptop resting on the burner on fire and sent smoke through the roof. The fire was reported early Friday evening in Lacey Township while the owners were away. Police tell the Asbury Park Press that investigators believe the dog accidentally turned on the stove, though they didn't specify how that occurred. Police say heat from the stove eventually burned a laptop computer that had been left on top of the appliance. Smoke was pouring from the roof when firefighters arrived, but the blaze was quickly extinguished.

Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP14-DCCA/CCDF-141
SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR CCDF CHILD CARE PROVIDERS AND FAMILIES, A PROJECT UNDER THE DCCA – CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAM"

The scope of work for this project will be available on or after August 22, 2014 at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan during regular working hours.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the Child Care Development Fund Office Building No. 1347, Ascension Court in Capitol Hill, Saipan at 10:00 a.m., local time, on September 12, 2014.

Any questions shall be submitted in writing to Ms. Maribel S.D. Loste, Program Administrator via e-mail at ccdf.maribelloste@gmail.com or by fax to (670) 664-2547 no later than the close of business, September 17, 2014.T

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals; in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

/s/ LAURA T. OGUMORO
Secretary of DCCA

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, P&S

Vacant Land and Commercial Space
For LEASE or SALE

- Commercial Space and Apartments for lease in the tourist district in Garapan (across Hyatt). Commercial space perfect for motel, gift shop, restaurant and bar. Heavy pedestrian traffic.
- Undeveloped property fronting middle road across CHC for lease or sale (next to 99 Supermarket).
- Former hotel in Chalan Kanoa for sale or lease. Walking distance to Sandy beach.

To make an appointment to view these properties, please contact us by email at corina.magofna@gmail.com or by phone at (517) 599-3929 or 234-6025. Serious inquiries only.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary Matters
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of the Minutes – August 12, 2014 Meeting
- E. Correspondence

II. Public Comments*

III. Management Reports
1. Commonwealth Ports Authority
2. Bylaws - Update
3. Water and Wastewater Program – Presentation
4. Projects Updates

IV. Executive Session**

V. Board Reports
- A. Status Report - Personnel Committee
- B. Status Report - Customer Service Committee

VI. Miscellaneous/Administrative Matters

VII. Adjournment

** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.*
** Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.*

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- ROY ROGER KAIPAT and CASILDA I. KAIPAT, Defendants.] CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0069] FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OFSALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 14, 2014, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 011 G 1322, situated in Kagman III, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey's Official Cadastral Plat no. 011 G 24, dated December 9, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File no. 96-2567, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 3, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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DATED, this 28th day of August, 2014:

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- HENRY SABLAN HOFSCHNEIDER and ELENA BABAUTA HOFSCHNEIDER, Defendants.] CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0044] NOTICE OF SALE

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In the Matter of the Estates of MATEO M. TAISACAN and SABINA M. TAISACAN, Deceased.] CIVIL ACTION NO. 04-0498 and consolidated case (C.A. No. 07-0289)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of the Estate of Mateo M. Taisacan and Sabina M. Taisacan in and to the following property: an agricultural homestead situated in Ginalagan, Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, designated as Tract no. 22127, containing an area of 25,000 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Survey Plat No. 2066/79 dated December 20, 1984.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, September 12, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, -v- ANGELINA A. MANGLONA, Defendant.] CIVIL ACTION NO. 02-0408] **SIXTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

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Science & Technology

TECH Q&A

Why your PC can't find your email

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: When I click on an email address on a website, I get the message "could not perform this operation because the default mail client is not properly installed." But if I copy the email address into my AOL software, it works. What's a "default mail client," and how can I fix this?

A: When you click on an email address online, your PC looks for email software installed on your computer (a default mail client) that it can use to send a message. Because you're using AOL's free webmail service, which is entirely online, your PC can't find any email software to use, and you get an error message. The workaround, as you've discovered, is to copy the email address you want to use into the address window of an AOL email in your Web browser.

Here's a better alternative. AOL also offers free email service via downloadable software (see tinyurl.com/7p7dxzo) that acts as the default mail client for your PC. To set the software as the default mail client, see tinyurl.com/mx5mzqd. Once the settings are complete, you'll be taken directly to AOL email whenever you click an email address on a website.

Q: I have an old Samsung phone, model SGH-A237, and have been trying unsuccessfully to transfer photos from it to my computer. The photos are on the phone itself, not a removable memory card. What can I do?

A: Because your phone is now six years old, there is little information available about it. But I think the transfer doesn't work because the Samsung phone didn't ship with the required USB software driver, which is no longer available.

I suggest you follow the directions in the original user manual (see tinyurl.com/jvsujhq and go to page 60), which says you can send your photos to another phone via multimedia messaging. To do that, go to your photos, press "options," highlight "send" and press "select."

Steve Alexander covers technology for the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

In light of celebrity hacks, how to protect data

By MAE ANDERSON
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—The theft of nude photographs from celebrities' online accounts has thrown a spotlight on the security of cloud computing, a system used by a growing number of Americans to store personal information over the Internet.

If celebrities' photos aren't safe, then whose are? Some key questions and answers about files that are stored remotely:

Q: What is the cloud?

A: The cloud is a way of storing photos, documents, email and other data on faraway machines. Amazon, Apple, Google and Microsoft all offer cloud-based storage. Smaller companies like Dropbox and Evernote do, too.

The practice saves space on computers, smartphones and tablets and allows users to access the same information from any device. And if you lose your phone, for example, you don't lose your vacation pictures. The drawback is that you are putting your information somewhere else, so you run the risk of a hacking attack on those systems and accounts.

Q: Is it secure?

A: For the most part, yes. Companies invest a lot to ensure that customers' private information stays private. "The short answer is the cloud is often more secure than other storage," says Rich Mogull, CEO of security research and advisory firm Securosis.

But that doesn't mean the system can't be compromised. "There are a lot of attackers who have a lot of time," Mogull says.

Q: How can individuals make their data more secure?

A: You need passwords to access your accounts, so choosing a strong one is important.

Tim Bajarin, an analyst at technology research firm Creative Strategies, recommends having different passwords for each online account you hold, so a breach in one system won't compromise another. It is also important to have a number and punctuation mark in each password or a creative spelling of a word to make it harder to guess. Also, avoid using common words or notable birthdays as passwords. A strong password is particularly important if you store sensitive information online.

Another way to make your information harder to hack is called multi-factor, or two-step, identification. That means the first time you log onto an account from a new device, you are asked for a second form of identification. Usually, that involves getting sent a code as a text on your phone or an email. A hacker who has your password would still need physical possession of your phone to get the text.

Most major cloud services, including Apple's iCloud, Google Drive and Dropbox, offer this kind of protection. Amazon's Cloud Drive is the notable exception. But you usually have to activate the extra layer of protection.

Apple is urging its users to switch to stronger passwords and to enable the two-step authentication feature in the aftermath of the celebrity hacking attacks.

Q: How can I tell if my phone or computer is uploading information to the cloud?

A: You had to have signed up and agreed to the cloud services' terms, but that might have happened long ago, as you were setting up your device. If you are not sure if you have opted in, check your phone's settings.

With iPhone photos, for instance, if you have Photo Stream turned on, that means you are storing your photos on iCloud. Check your settings under iCloud. On Android phones, check the Auto Backup settings under Google+ in Google settings.

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Science Matters

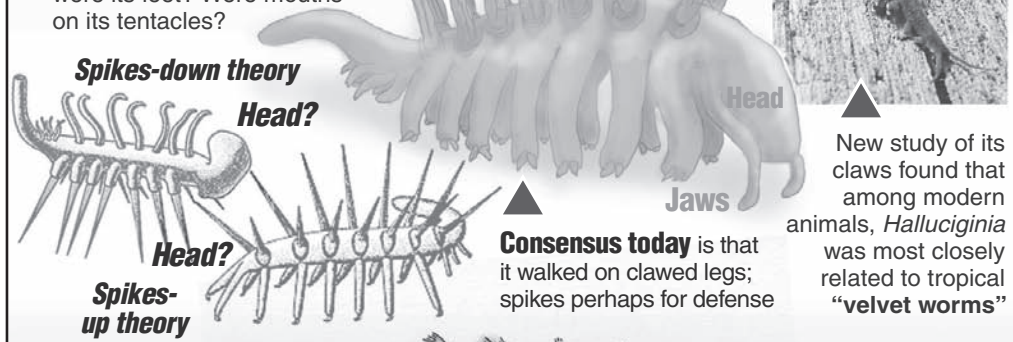
Strange residents of the deep past

Researchers say they have figured out how two bizarre animals that lived half a billion years ago can be located on the evolutionary tree of life.

Biology's Big Bang
Animals – almost all the main types – appeared in the **Cambrian Explosion,** a period of rapid evolutionary development that began **541 million years ago**

Halluciginia, the 'mind bender'

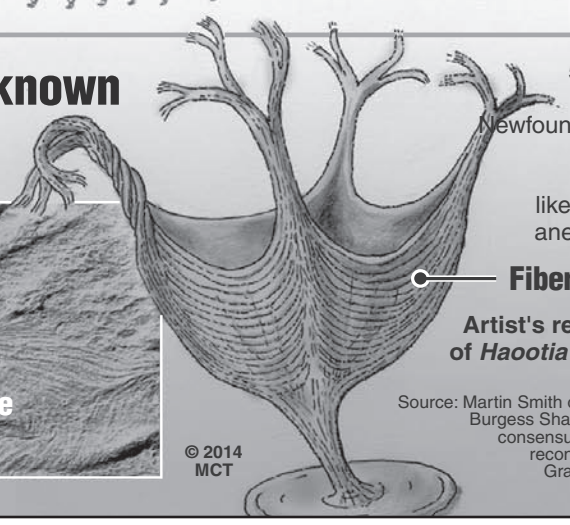
Notorious Cambrian fossil with spikes and tentacles. Which were its feet? Were mouths on its tentacles?



Consensus today is that it walked on clawed legs; spikes perhaps for defense

New study of its claws found that among modern animals, *Halluciginia* was most closely related to tropical **"velvet worms"**

Earliest known muscles



560-million-year-old fossils found in Newfoundland have bundles of fibers in four-sided pattern – like that of modern sea anemones and jellyfish

Artist's reconstruction of *Haootia quadriformis*

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Life & Style

Miranda Lambert earns record-tying 9 CMA noms

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Miranda Lambert released the most ambitious album of her career earlier this year and Country Music Association voters responded by giving her a record-tying load of nominations.

Lambert has nine nominations for the 48th annual CMA Awards, tying her own mark for the most nods to a female nominee, and nearly doubling her nearest competitor when the list was announced Wednesday in New York. Dierks Bentley is next with five nominations and Eric Church and Keith Urban have four apiece.

The 30-year-old Lambert is up for top honor entertainer of the year along with husband Blake Shelton and has nominations for major categories album of the year for "Platinum," song and single of the year for "Automatic," and is vying for her fifth straight female vocalist of the year trophy. She's been among the top CMA nominees and winners since "Revolution" won album of the year in 2010 and now has 34 CMA nominations—behind Reba McEntire, Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn among women.

Urban, George Strait and Luke Bryan round out the entertainer of the year category where Lambert and Bryan are seeking their first win in that category. Bryan and Urban also are up for album of the year. Bryan's "Crash My Party" and Urban's "Fuse" join Bentley's "Riser" and Church's "The Outsiders" in the category.

New artist of the year nominees are Brandy Clark, Brett Eldredge, Kip Moore, Thomas Rhett and Cole Swindell.

AP

In this April 10, 2014 file photo, Carrie Underwood sings at the 2014 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, in New York. Nominees for the 2014 Country Music Association Awards are announced Wednesday morning, Sept. 3, 2014, on "Good Morning America" and at a news conference in New York. Underwood, Luke Bryan, Kacey Musgraves, and Blake Shelton, each received three nominations.

Bryan and Shelton are tied with Kacey Musgraves and Carrie Underwood with three nominations apiece. The nominations were announced on ABC's "Good Morning America" and at a news conference by Darius Rucker and Little Big Town. Underwood and Brad Paisley host the Nov. 5 show live from Nashville, Tennessee.

Lambert padded out her list of nominations with two apiece in the vocal event ("Somethin' Bad" with Underwood and "We Were Us" with Urban) and music video ("Automatic" and "Somethin' Bad") categories. "Automatic," the first single from "Platinum" written with Nicolle Galyon and Natalie Hemby, was nominated for both song and single of the year as well. Lambert tied with Merle Haggard for second-most nominations overall. Only Alan Jackson in 2002 had more nominations in a single year with 10.

Lambert celebrated her collaborators in an email to The Associated Press.

"I woke up in NYC this morning to such great news!" wrote Lambert, who's on tour in the area. "Not only am I so happy to be nominated but I'm happy to celebrate my husband's and friends' nominations! Natalie and Nicolle are two of the best songwriters I know and I'm so thrilled to share this with them. And also to be in a category with Carrie and Keith!"

Shelton and Lambert will be attempting to extend their record streak of wins by a married couple in the male and female vocalist categories. Each has won four straight. Lambert will be competing against Underwood, Musgraves, Taylor Swift and Martina McBride. Shelton faces Bentley, Bryan, Church and Urban.

The haul of nominations was a career best for Bentley, whose album "Riser" includes personal material from his own life, including his reaction to his father's death and the birth of his son.

"It was totally unexpected," Bentley said. "Dude, I'm not the guy who gets nominated. I'm the guy who knows the guy who gets nominated. That's not who I am. I'm the guy who sits in the chair with my wife when the cameras come in close to get the 'you just lost' reaction shot."

Voters have an interesting choice to make in the entertainer of the year category. Lambert and Bryan are arguably the genre's top stars and voters could justifiably reward either with a trophy that goes hand in hand with superstar status. Strait is seeking his second consecutive win in the category after announcing he would retire from the road. He played his final concert earlier this year, setting attendance records at the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium. And "American Idol" judge Urban and "The Voice" coach Shelton remain two of country's most visible stars.

Urban won the entertainer award in 2005 and says he felt a "euphoria" when he learned he was back among the nominees. The category signals that a performer has reached the top of the genre in many ways, including as an artist, a live performer and a role model.

"The criteria for entertainer is a mix of things, but I guess for me I've always considered it to be hopefully primarily about the kind of show that we put on and entertaining people at the live concerts," Urban said in a phone interview. "I know it's about more than that, but for me it's really been about that, about putting on a tour. That's something I've always taken with intense passion, detail and care, and so to get that nomination is extraordinary."

Miss America contestants arrive in Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Miss America is back in Atlantic City, just in time to brighten the mood in this dazed gambling city licking its wounds from the closure of a third of its casinos.

The 53 contestants met the public Wednesday afternoon on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. Entrants from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands appeared at the traditional welcoming ceremony across from Boardwalk Hall.

Preliminary competition will begin next Tuesday. This is the second year that the pageant, which began in Atlantic City, has returned to its roots after six years in Las Vegas.

The ceremony came hours after the first of 5,000 casino workers who lost their jobs over the holiday weekend began filing for unemployment, health insurance and food stamps. The Showboat and Revel shut down over the weekend; Trump Plaza, next door to Boardwalk Hall, where the winner will be crowned Sept. 14, is shutting down two days after that. And the Atlantic Club closed in January.

All told, about 8,000 workers will have lost their jobs.

"I look at Miss America as the jewel in the crown of Atlantic City," said Sam Haskell, CEO of the Miss America Organization. "My heart breaks for the people losing their jobs. But I am confident that the economic boost Miss America brings to Atlantic City will create some calm to sooth the disappointment of these closures."

John Palmieri, executive director of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, said at the ceremony that Miss America should generate about $30 million worth of economic activity in the region.

Fresh off a visit to the White House a day earlier, where they met with some of President Barack Obama's advisers, the contestants crossed the Boardwalk and walked onto a stage where they signed a map of their home state, introduced themselves and detailed their career plans.

Among the would-be Miss Americas are aspiring doctors, veterinarians, meteorologists, broadcast journalists, music therapists and a future sports agent.

As usual, Miss New Jersey got the loudest cheers from the hometown crowd. Cierra Kaler-Jones said she's excited to represent her state, given her family ties to Atlantic City.

"As the child of two casino workers," she said, "it is historic for me to be participating in this."

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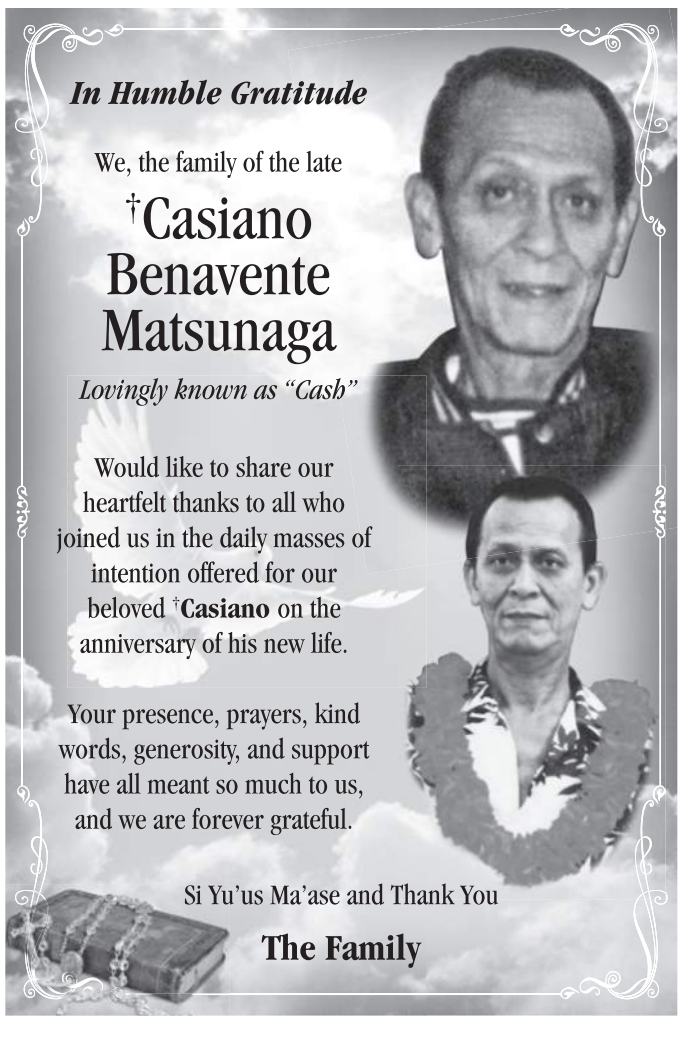
Miss South Dakota Meridith Gould contestant stands on the runway r during 2015 Miss America Arrival Ceremony at Kennedy Plaza on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, NJ. Wednesday, Sept 3, 2014.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Family: Ailing Rivers being 'kept comfortable'

AP

In this April 30, 2012 file photo, Joanx Rivers attends an E! Network event in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—Joan Rivers' family says the comedian has been moved from intensive care into a private room, where she is "being kept comfortable."

No further details were released Wednesday on Rivers' condition. On Tuesday, the family confirmed she was on life support at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan after going into cardiac arrest last Thursday.

In this latest statement, her daughter, Melissa Rivers, thanked the public for its continued support.

"My mother has been moved out of intensive care and into a private room where she is being kept comfortable," Melissa Rivers said.

The 81-year-old comic and red-carpet commentator has maintained a busy career as host of "Fashion Police" on the E! network and, with her daughter, a co-star of the WEtv reality show, "Joan & Melissa: Joan Knows Best?"

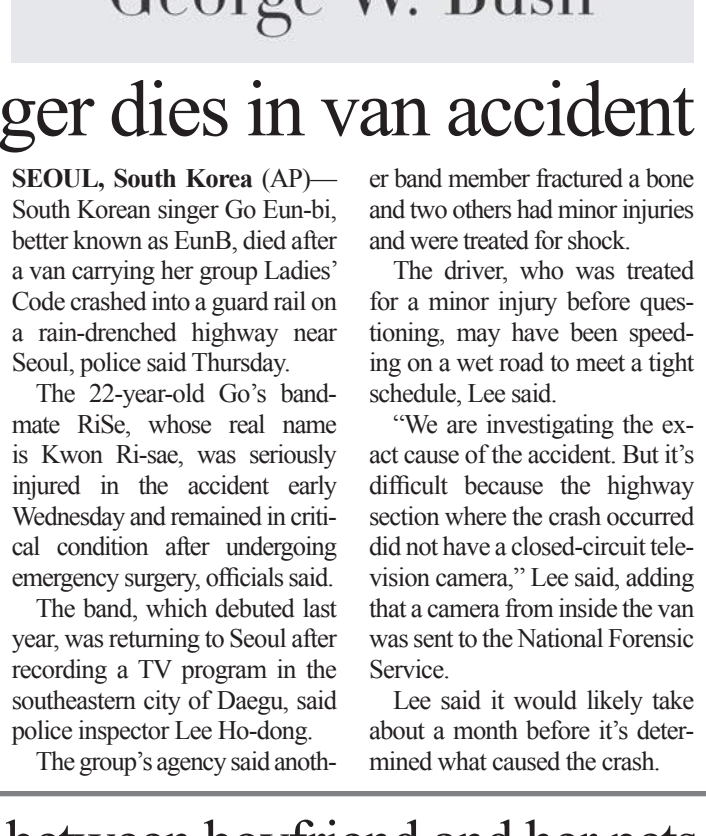
George W. Bush's book about father titled '41'

NEW YORK (AP)—The title of formxer President George W. Bush's book about his father will feature a number, not a name.

Crown Publishers announced Wednesday that the book about former President George H.W. Bush will be called "41: A Portrait of My Father." The elder Bush was the country's 41st president.

As announced by Crown last summer, the book will be published Nov. 11 with a planned first printing of 1 million copies. The younger Bush had been quietly working on the biography over the past few years.

On Wednesday, Crown also released the cover image for the book, an intimate close-up of the 41st president, and announced that George W. Bush will narrate the audio edition of "41."



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This photo provided by Crown shows the cover of "41: A Portrait of My Father," a book about former President George H.W. Bush by his son, former President George W. Bush.

Police: South Korea singer dies in van accident

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korean singer Go Eun-bi, better known as EunB, died after a van carrying her group Ladies' Code crashed into a guard rail on a rain-drenched highway near Seoul, police said Thursday.

The 22-year-old Go's bandmate RiSe, whose real name is Kwon Ri-sae, was seriously injured in the accident early Wednesday and remained in critical condition after undergoing emergency surgery, officials said.

The band, which debuted last year, was returning to Seoul after recording a TV program in the southeastern city of Daegu, said police inspector Lee Ho-dong.

The group's agency said another band member fractured a bone and two others had minor injuries and were treated for shock.

The driver, who was treated for a minor injury before questioning, may have been speeding on a wet road to meet a tight schedule, Lee said.

"We are investigating the exact cause of the accident. But it's difficult because the highway section where the crash occurred did not have a closed-circuit television camera," Lee said, adding that a camera from inside the van was sent to the National Forensic Service.

Lee said it would likely take about a month before it's determined what caused the crash.

David Cassidy admits driving while intoxicated

SCHODACK, N.Y. (AP)—Seventies heartthrob David Cassidy has pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated in upstate New York.

Cassidy was charged last summer in the town of Schodack (SKOH'-dak), near Albany. The Times Union reports he pleaded guilty Wednesday in exchange for a tentative sentence of a conditional discharge that includes 50 hours of community service in Florida, his home state.

Sentencing was set for Nov. 5 and depends on a pre-sentence report.

In March, a judge in Los Angeles sentenced Cassidy to three months in rehab and five years of probation in a drunken-driving case stemming from a January arrest for an illegal turn.

Cassidy role on TV's "The Partridge Family" launched a singing career. He spends time in New York during the summer at Saratoga Race Course, 40 miles north of Schodack.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Perez, Wallace join 'The View'

NEW YORK (AP)—Actress Rosie Perez and Republican media operative Nicolle Wallace are joining ABC's daytime chat show, "The View." The network said Wednesday that the two will join Whoopi Goldberg and Rosie O'Donnell on the panel for the show's new season, beginning Sept. 15. Goldberg is the only holdover on the program, where creator Barbara Walters retired from an on-screen role this spring and longtime producer Bill Geddie left after learning a new offscreen boss was taking over. Perez is an actress and choreographer who has appeared in the movies "Do the Right Thing" and "Fearless." Wallace, a political analyst for MSNBC, was communications chief for President George W. Bush's reelection campaign and was an adviser on John McCain's 2008 campaign.

Weinstein to release Tarantino's 'Hateful Eight'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Quentin Tarantino is moving forward with "The Hateful Eight." The Weinstein Co. says it will distribute the filmmaker's latest project—a post-Civil War Western—next year in the largest 70mm release in 20 years. The film studio said Wednesday that "Hateful Eight" will also be released in other formats following its initial 70mm debut. Tarantino has been an outspoken critic of digital filmmaking. Tarantino previously proclaimed he wouldn't make the film following an online leak of the script. Weinstein Co. said Wednesday that production on "Hateful Eight" would begin in January. Bob and Harvey Weinstein have a long history with Tarantino. They distributed such Tarantino films as "Reservoir Dogs" and "Django Unchained."

Book of Barbra Streisand pics out in December

NEW YORK (AP)—How obsessive are Barbra Streisand's fans? A coffee table book may provide an answer. Publisher Taschen announced Wednesday that "Barbra: Streisand's Early Years in Hollywood, 1968-1976" will be published in December. According to Taschen, the book will include more than 240 images, many of them never published before. The text will feature a conversation between photojournalists Steve Schapiro and Lawrence Schiller, both of whom were commissioned to work with Streisand after she arrived in Hollywood. But the main Collector's Edition is limited—1,000 copies. And the price is worthy of seats at a Streisand concert: $750. Two "Art Editions" are even more limited, 100 copies each, and cost $1,800. One set of "Art Edition" books features a print signed by Schapiro, the other a print signed by Schiller.

Animal lover forced to choose between boyfriend and her pets

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Chris" for almost five years. He's my high school sweetheart. We still live with our parents, but we feel we're ready to move out and start our lives together.

The issue is I have a cat ("Silky") and a dog named "Chips"; Chris can't stand them. He has said he doesn't want Silky to live in our home and he would make her an outdoor cat. He also doesn't want Chips to come with us because Chips can be whiny and vocal.

I feel it's my responsibility to take my pets with me when I move out. I don't want to abandon them and leave them with my parents, and I absolutely refuse to put them up for adoption. I feel if I decide to bring them with me, Chris will make them feel miserable. Silky is afraid of him, and Chris doesn't like Chips getting close to him.

I love my boyfriend, but I love my pets, too. Please tell me what to do!

STUCK IN THE MIDDLE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR STUCK: Wake up! You are an animal lover; your boyfriend clearly has an antipathy toward them. Your cat is afraid of Chris because she knows he doesn't like her or he did something that scared her. If he makes Silky become an outdoor cat (or she gets loose "by accident"), she may be at serious risk. And your dog will be miserable on the receiving end of constant rejection.

It is very important that you learn to live independently. Because Chris is your high school sweetheart and you haven't dated many others, it's important that you take some time and date other people before deciding to move in with ANYONE. You and Chris may care about each other, but your compatibility is in question because, face it, you two have differences.

DEAR ABBY: I'm not sure if this has been mentioned in your column before, but I would like to make your readers aware of something while they travel. When staying at a hotel, it is important never to reveal personal or financial information over the in-room phone, even if the caller claims to be an employee of the hotel.

Sometimes scammers will call the front desk of a hotel and provide a generic name or room number. Unsuspecting desk agents may transfer the call to that room, and the scammer will then pose as a desk agent. He or she will say something plausible to get the guest to provide credit information over the phone, and in a flash, the guest is a victim of theft.

If such a thing happens, guests should immediately dial the front desk and ask the agent if a call for that reason was intentionally placed to the room. Very likely, it will not have been.

JOHN IN OGDEN, UTAH

DEAR JOHN: Whoa! Travelers can never be too careful. Thank you for the wake-up call.

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DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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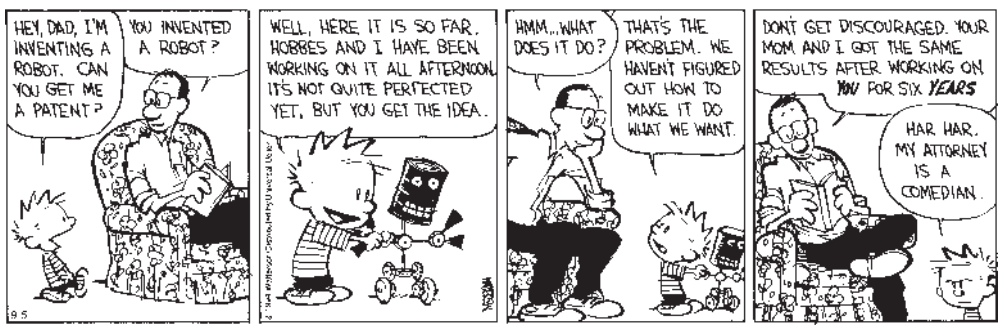
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


HEY, DAD, I'M INVENTING A ROBOT. CAN YOU GET ME A PATENT?
YOU INVENTED A ROBOT?
WELL, HERE IT IS SO FAR. HOBBES AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON IT ALL AFTERNOON. IT'S NOT QUITE PERFECTED YET, BUT YOU GET THE IDEA.
HMM...WHAT DOES IT DO?
THAT'S THE PROBLEM. WE HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO MAKE IT DO WHAT WE WANT.
DON'T GET DISCOURAGED. YOUR MOM AND I GOT THE SAME RESULTS AFTER WORKING ON YOU FOR SIX YEARS
HAR HAR. MY ATTORNEY IS A COMEDIAN.

Garfield®

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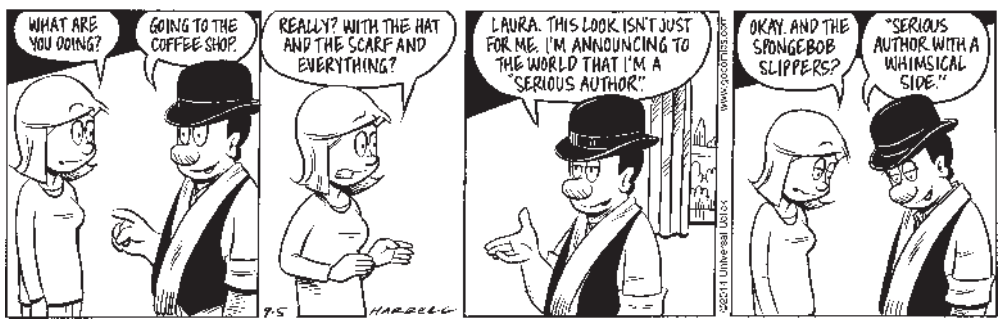
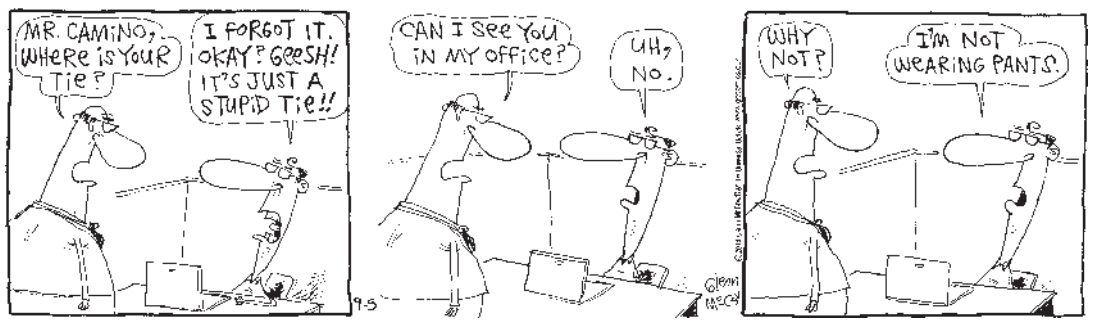
By Bryan Basset


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GOING TO THE COFFEE SHOP.
REALLY? WITH THE HAT AND THE SCARF AND EVERYTHING?
LAURA. THIS LOOK ISN'T JUST FOR ME. I'M ANNOUNCING TO THE WORLD THAT I'M A "SERIOUS AUTHOR."
OKAY. AND THE SPONGEBOB SLIPPERS?
"SERIOUS AUTHOR WITH A WHIMSICAL SIDE."

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


MR. CAMINO, WHERE IS YOUR TIE?
I FORGOT IT. OKAY? GEESH! IT'S JUST A STUPID TIE!!
CAN I SEE YOU IN MY OFFICE?
UH, NO.
WHY NOT?
I'M NOT WEARING PANTS.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Wooden peg
6 Rotating part
9 Pickle holder
12 Jung's inner self
13 — Baba
14 Ostrich's kin
15 Jeans material
16 Steinway rival
18 Unfunny plays
20 Nevada city
21 "— a date!"
23 Junior
24 Traffic cone
25 Old woman's home?
27 Squander
29 Dark blue green
31 Paar's successor
35 A Marx brother
37 "One-hoss" carriage
38 Firm
41 "— Wiedersehen"
43 — out a living
44 Grand-scale
45 Rack part
47 Innocently engaging
49 Cary of "The Princess Bride"
52 Away from WSW
53 Scale member
54 Pedro's pal
55 Crimson
56 Agrees to
57 Composer's output

DOWN
1 Mid-June honoree
2 Inseparable
3 Royal name
4 Eastern potentate
5 Actor Lorenzo
6 Pool room?
7 "Oh, woe"
8 Wire measure
9 Gem
10 — acid
11 Not know when to shut up
17 Laundromat lineup
19 Yardwork need
21 Doctrine
22 "Honor — Father ..."
24 Bake sale org.
26 Morals
28 Do reconnaissance
30 Young fellow
32 Williams' partner
33 Erstwhile acorn
34 "Science Guy" Bill
36 Comic strip components
38 Underground network
39 Put one's two cents in
40 Reinforced, in a way
42 Dog bane
45 Out of control
46 Ticklish Muppet
48 Bear (Sp.)
50 Early bird?
51 "Help!"

Solution time: 26 mins.

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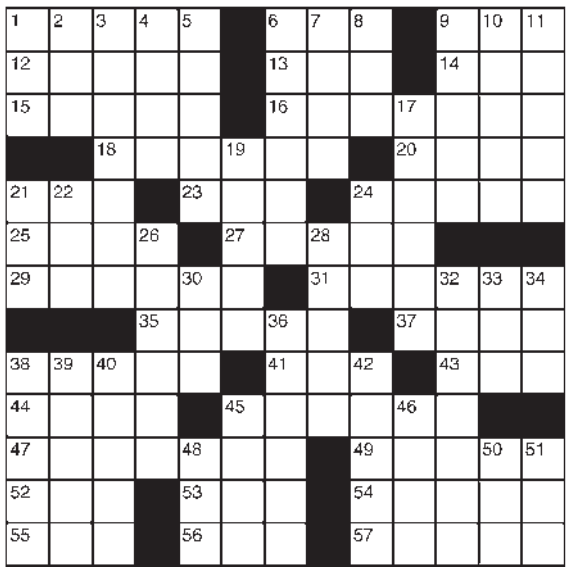
Yesterday's answer 9-5



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Happy Birthday: Temper your desire to invest too extensively. Baby steps will help you build a solid foundation that will allow you to grow over time. Shortcuts are not favored, so don't be tempted by what others do or say. Follow the path that makes you feel most comfortable and you will ease your stress. Your numbers are 4, 12, 21, 24, 34, 40, 45.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Being on the defensive and picking fights will not help you win in the long run. Look for an imaginative way to satisfy both your needs and the needs of those influenced by your actions. Helping others will bring high returns. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): A proactive approach to something you want to do or someone you want to get to know better will work in your favor. A romantic gesture will improve your personal life. A flattering change can be made. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Bide your time when it comes to making personal and domestic changes. You are better off concentrating on obtaining information and ironing out any small but important details that can affect the outcome of a plan you want to pursue. ✪✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Don't assume anything. Take a closer look at the situation you face and the people involved before you make a move. Taking an obscure approach will throw a wrench in anyone's plans to oppose you. Preparation will be your biggest ally. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Put in the time and reap the rewards. Showing dedication and honoring promises made will raise your profile and your reputation. Favorable changes are within reach, as long as you don't upset someone in a position to derail your plans. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Time is on your side. Don't feel the need to make an impulsive decision or change because someone is pressuring you. Stick to your original game plan and you will reach your goal and rewards for your patience and savvy maneuvers. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Listen carefully and sum up what's going on around you before you make a decision to offer someone help. You have plenty to offer, but uncertainty coupled with being pressured can lead to an uncompromising move. Exercise caution. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): An unusual approach to the way you run your home and deal with personal relationships will work well, but it might also cause some friction with others. Go about your business quietly and refrain from sharing your decisions until after the fact. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Home, family, building your assets and doing things that make you happy should be your goals. Don't be railroaded by someone who doesn't share your likes, dislikes or concerns. Follow the path that suits you best and don't look back. ✪✪✪

EUGENIA LAST

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Your usual steady way of approaching everything isn't likely to work for you today. Get ready to take a different approach to the way you handle friends, family and conversations that will bring about long-term change. Protect your assets and your reputation. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't give in to peer pressure. Look for ways to make your money work for you. Have confidence in your ideas and skills and you will find a window of opportunity that allows you to expand and explore new possibilities. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Get involved in events that allow you to optimize your skills and services. Love is on the rise and making plans that will bring you closer to someone special will be beneficial in terms of what you receive in return. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are strong, independent and intuitively intelligent. You are thoughtful and courteous.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/05

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

3	4	6	1	8	2	7	5	9
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8	7	3	6	5	1	9	4	2
4	2	9	3	7	8	5	1	6

Difficulty Level ★★★ 9/04

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

BLACKJACK **Solution: 9 letters**

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W	N	A	C	N	F	O	U	R	H	E	A	R	T	S
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N	S	E	E	M	S	H	U	F	F	L	E	(T)	I	O
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V	I	G	E	R	I	A	P	E	E	G	E	F	X	M
M	B	E	H	I	N	D	B	S	V	N	A	I	T	A
B	U	S	T	T	E	L	A	N	G	I	S	M	C	T
Q	B	L	A	C	K	J	A	C	K	K	F	E	E	C
J	A	C	K	S	D	N	O	M	A	I	D	R	A	H

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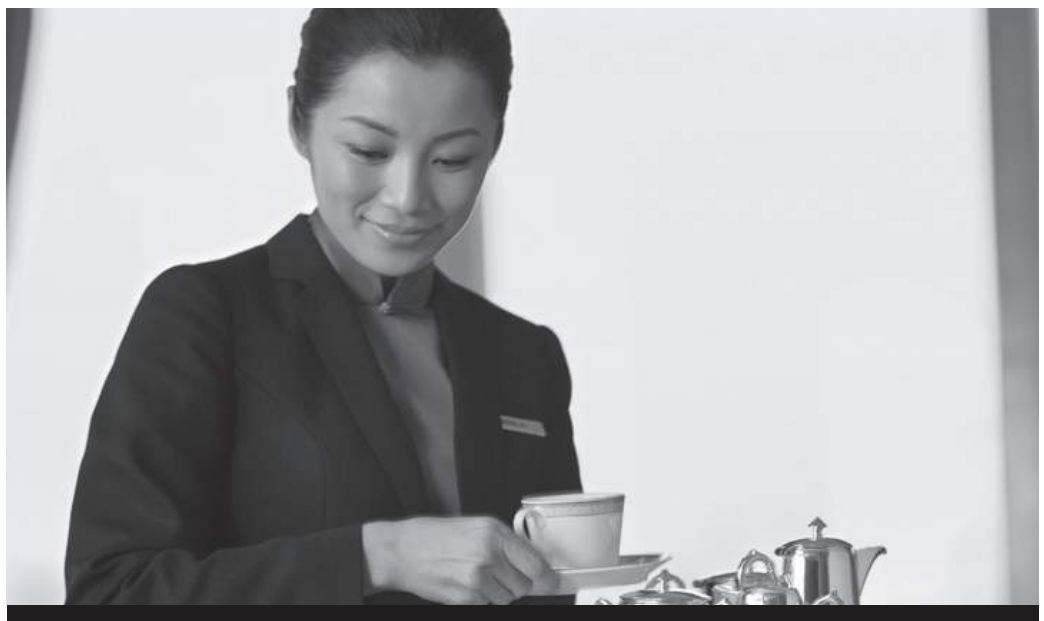

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Djokovic tops Murray for 8th US Open semi in a row

NEW YORK (AP)—Through a pair of back-and-forth sets, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray put on a display befitting a matchup of past U.S. Open champions.

They tracked down would-be winners and somehow got them back, prolonging points that involved 10 or 20 strokes or more, extended by Djokovic's slides and splits or Murray's gifted anticipation. After one 30-shot masterpiece on his way to victory, Djokovic raised his right fist, bellowed, "Come on!" and windmilled his arms to rile up the crowd.

Eventually, the physically demanding action proved too much for a fading Murray, and Djokovic pulled away to win 7-6 (1), 6-7 (1), 6-2, 6-4 and reach the tournament's semifinals for the eighth consecutive year.

"I knew coming into tonight's match that it's going to be tough, that he's going to go for his shots, and the more aggressive one would win it," the No. 1-ranked and No. 1-seeded Djokovic said. "I'm glad I managed to stay fit in the end and pull it through."

It took a while for him to push out front in a 3-hour, 32-minute match that ended after 1 a.m. Thursday.

Asked in an on-court interview to look ahead to facing 10th-seeded Kei Nishikori of Japan in Saturday's semifinals, Djokovic joked: "My thoughts are just directed to sleeping right now."

That drew guffaws from spectators, and he continued: "Or party. What do you say? Let's party. I think my coach right there would chase me with a little baseball bat if he saw me going to the city to party right now."

Djokovic broke the eighth-seeded Murray to go up 3-1 in the third set, then fended off a pair of break points in the next game. On the first, Murray sailed a backhand long to end a 28-stroke point, then leaned over and put a hand on his knee. On the second, he dumped a forehand into the net, then slammed his racket against his right thigh and yelled.

AP

Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, reacts after defeating Andy Murray, of Britain, 7-6 (1), 6-7 (1), 6-2, 6-4 during the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, early Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014, in New York.

Soon, Murray was turning to his box to say, "Nothing in the legs." In the fourth set, a trainer came out to deliver a heat pack to Murray.

He had back surgery a year ago, and in his first-round match in New York last week, he barely managed to overcome cramps all over his body. Murray had looked fine since then, but he couldn't sustain his top form throughout the physically demanding quarterfinal against Djokovic, who won the U.S. Open in 2011 and has played in the past four finals.

"He was fresher toward the end," Murray said. "I tried to hang in as best I could."

Nishikori became the first man from Japan to reach the U.S. Open semifinals since Ichiya Kumagae in 1918, outlasting third-seeded Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7), 6-7 (5), 6-4 earlier Wednesday.

That match lasted more than four hours, and Nishikori managed to shake off any lingering exhaustion from his previous victory, which took 4:19 and ended at 2:26 a.m. Tuesday, equaling the latest finish in tournament history.

In the women's quarterfinals, top-seeded Serena Williams dropped the first three games before quickly turning things around to defeat 11th-seeded Flavia Pennetta of Italy 6-3, 6-2. Williams, who counts five U.S. Open titles among her 17 Grand Slam trophies, will play 17th-seeded Ekaterina Makarova of Russia in the semifinals.

Williams has a 19-match winning streak at Flushing Meadows, including the 2012 and 2013 championships.

"Against her, you can't wait, you can't give her time, you can't fail to push her to her limits—because if you do, she's a runaway train," Pennetta said.

Until the third set, anyway, Djokovic-Murray was reminiscent—in terms of pure entertainment value and setting, if not quite star power—of the 2001 classic between Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi, which also was a quarterfinal, and also under the lights at Arthur Ashe Stadium. That one, won by Sampras, featured four tiebreakers, because neither man broke serve even once.

If the sublime-serving Sampras against the terrific-returning Agassi provided a contrast in styles, Djokovic vs. Murray was more a case of mirror images. Two of today's top returners, they combined for 11 service breaks, seven by Djokovic, including in the final game. They are also both brilliant baseliners and retrievers, and it helps that they know each other—and each other's patterns—so well.

Born a week apart in May 1987, they have played 21 times; Djokovic leads 13-8. Both of Murray's major titles—at the U.S. Open in 2012, and at Wimbledon last year—came via victories over Djokovic. Two of Djokovic's seven major trophies—at the Australian Open in 2011 and 2013—came against Murray.

Wednesday's opening set was a thing of beauty, a 73-minute exercise in shape-shifting and shot making. In the tiebreaker, though, Murray lost his way at a most inopportune time: He entered the night 0-8 against Djokovic when dropping the first set. Murray double-faulted, put a return into the net, flubbed a backhand and, before he knew it, that set was gone.

Djokovic went up a break in the second set. Murray broke back. Djokovic took another of Murray's service games. And, yes, Murray again broke back, delivering a forehand winner that left an angered Djokovic swatting a spare ball off the serve-speed digital readout.

Murray dominated that set's tiebreaker, but soon enough, he was the one who was frustrated.

"I don't feel particularly proud right now," Murray said. "I feel disappointed."

Welker, Mathis, Gordon among suspended

NEW YORK (AP)—Wes Welker. Robert Mathis. Aldon Smith. Josh Gordon.

A solid quartet to put on any NFL field. Except that they are among 29 players suspended by the league heading into the 2014 season.

Among those big names, Cleveland's Gordon got the longest ban, sidelined for the entire season for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy. His absence might be the most damaging, too, and not only for its length. A Pro Bowl wide receiver, Gordon was the only established target on the Browns, who figured to be an also-ran even with him in the lineup.

That Gordon's case lingered for weeks while appeals were heard, and was not decided until just before the season, didn't help the Browns, either.

"How it played out was not ideal circumstances for us, obviously, but that's behind us," coach Mike Pettine said. "You can't worry about guys you don't have. ... I've said this all along, you don't replace a Josh Gordon, a top-five NFL receiver, with just one player."

Welker's four-game suspension, announced Tuesday, shouldn't hurt the Broncos nearly so much considering the other receiving talent on hand. And having Peyton Manning throwing to them.

More harmful: Matt Prater's four-gamer, which takes away a significant weapon. Prater made 25 of 26 field goals in 2013, including a record 64-yarder. Denver is going with a rookie, Brandon McManus.

Prater has been in the NFL's drug program, which includes alcohol, since a DUI arrest in 2011. He said he realized one more strike meant he'd face sitting out an entire season when he decided to have some beers "right after the season."

"Why did I risk it?" Prater said. "I made a mistake. I don't have an excuse for it. I screwed up and now I'm paying the price for it."

For Indianapolis and San Francisco, the loss of key defenders could have a huge impact.

Mathis, gone for four games, led the league with 19 1-2 sacks in a career year. The Colts will face high-powered Denver and Philadelphia in the first two weeks without their best player on that side of the ball.

"We've got a soldier down," Colts DE Cory Redding said of Mathis. "We're going to wait for him to come back, but until then, we're going to hold down the fort."

Smith's absence means San Francisco is without two playmakers at linebacker, because All-Pro NaVorro Bowman is recovering from a gruesome knee injury sustained in the NFC title game loss to Seattle. Smith is gone for nine games for violating the drug and personal conduct policies, which means both he and Bowman might not be in the lineup before mid-November.

Plus, defensive tackle Ray McDonald was arrested last week on a domestic abuse charge, something NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has said he will clamp down on. Goodell announced stiffer penalties for such incidents last week, with six games for a first offense.

"Some people have a magic number of if you have one, if you have two, if you have eight, if you have seven, I've always believed one is too many," 49ers general manager Trent Baalke said. "We're continuing to work to try to figure out what we can do better. Better as an organization, better as individuals, whether you're a player, whether you're a coach, whether you're in the administrative side."

Ravens standout Ray Rice is suspended for two games for a domestic abuse issue, a penalty that Goodell later referenced as not being strong enough. Baltimore opens with defending AFC North champion Cincinnati, and Rice's backup, Bernard Pierce, was hobbled in the preseason.

Two players are suspended indefinitely: Jaguars WR Justin Blackmon and Redskins safety Tanard Jackson. Neither's loss should be too significant.

One other player gone for the season, Arizona linebacker Daryl Washington, is a significant one for the Cardinals, who previously lost Karlos Dansby in free agency. They also had top defensive lineman Darnell Dockett tear up his right knee and is done for 2014.

Other familiar names whose suspensions likely will hurt their teams are Patriots CB Brandon Browner (four games), Eagles tackle Lane Johnson (four), Cowboys DB Orlando Scandrick (four), and Redskins safety Brandon Meriweather (two).

"I think you have to get creative with what you do, and roll some different guys in there, maybe change some personnel groupings and get some different matchups," Cleveland's Pettine said, speaking directly about Gordon's absence, but representative of how many teams must react. "That's the challenge that we face."

LaRoche delivers late, Nats top Dodgers 8-5 in 14

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Adam LaRoche came off the bench in the ninth inning and drove in five runs, including a tying homer and a go-ahead grounder in the 14th that sent the Washington Nationals to a wild 8-5 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday.

Asdrubal Cabrera added a two-run shot for the Nationals, who withstood two late rallies in a game that lasted 5 hours, 34 minutes—the longest at Dodger Stadium this season. Washington won two of three in the series, a potential playoff preview between NL division leaders.

All of LaRoche's RBIs either tied the game or gave his team the lead. He delivered a pinch-hit, two-run homer off closer Kenley Jansen that tied it in the ninth and a go-ahead, two-run single in the 12th.

LaRoche then gave the Nationals the lead for good with a fielder's choice grounder in the 14th after an error by shortstop Justin Turner. Ian Desmond scored on the play, and LaRoche beat the relay to first to avoid a potential inning-ending double play.

Cardinals 1, Pirates 0

In St. Louis, Peter Bourjos singled home the winning run in the ninth inning, and St. Louis beat Pittsburgh to stretch its winning streak to five.

Yadier Molina walked with two outs in the ninth on a 3-2 pitch from Mark Melancon (2-4). Molina advanced to second on John Jay's single and scored on the hit by Bourjos, easily beating the throw home from center fielder Andrew McCutchen.

Mariners 2, Athletics 1

In Oakland, Calif., Kyle Seager and Corey Hart homered to start the seventh inning and Seattle beat Oakland to win a three-game series between AL playoff contenders.

The home runs negated a stellar start by Jon Lester (13-10) and helped Mariners ace Felix Hernandez (14-5) win for the first time in four outings.

Adam Dunn homered in the fourth for the only run Hernandez allowed in eight innings.

Braves 7, Phillies 4

In Atlanta, rookie catcher Christian Bethancourt had three hits in his return to the major leagues, including a fifth-inning single that helped Atlanta break out of its scoring slump in a win over Philadelphia.

B.J. Upton hit a two-run homer in a three-run second as the Braves ended a 25-inning scoreless streak.

Bethancourt, recalled from Triple-A Gwinnett on Tuesday following a six-week demotion, drove in the Braves' first run with an infield single and put Atlanta ahead 5-4 with an RBI single in the fifth.

Rockies 9, Giants 2

In Denver, Nolan Arenado hit a go-ahead, three-run homer and Corey Dickerson followed with his second of the game, leading Colorado past San Francisco.

Christian Bergman (2-2) pitched six sharp innings, limiting the Giants to two runs on nine hits and helping the Rockies take the season series 10-9. It is the first time Colorado has won the season series with its NL West rival since going 11-7 against the Giants in 2008.

Orioles 6, Reds 0

In Baltimore, Miguel Gonzalez pitched a four-hitter for his first career complete game, and the Orioles hit three home runs off Dylan Axelrod in a victory over the Reds.

Gonzalez (8-7) had a season-high eight strikeouts, walked one and allowed only one hit through the first seven innings — a line drive single to Ryan Ludwick in the fifth.

The Reds added two singles in the eighth before leaving the bases loaded, and Jay Bruce singled with two outs in the ninth.

Yankees 5, Red Sox 1

In New York, Brian McCann homered among his career high-tying four hits and the Yankees bounced back to end a three-game losing streak, beating the Red Sox.

McCann homered a day earlier as the Yankees got battered by Boston, leaving them five games behind for the second AL wild-card spot. In the rematch with the last-place Red Sox, he drove in three runs and gave an early cushion to Hiroki Kuroda (10-8).

Indians 7, Tigers 0

In Cleveland, Danny Salazar pitched his first career shutout, scattering eight hits, and the Indians beat the Tigers.

Salazar (6-6), who has pitched 17 consecutive scoreless innings, was given a loud ovation by the sparse crowd of 11,739 when he took the mound for the ninth. The fans were on their feet throughout the inning and roared when Nick Castellanos struck out to end the game.

Mets 4, Marlins 3

In Miami, Travis d'Arnaud hit a go-ahead double in the eighth inning to lift New York over Miami.

Kirk Nieuwenhuis hit a two-run homer, and Matt den Dekker had three hits for the Mets, who won two of three in the series.

Astros 4, Angels 1

In Houston, Chris Carter homered twice and drove in three runs, Collin McHugh pitched into the eighth inning and Houston beat Los Angeles.

The first-place Angels lost both games in the series after sweeping the A's in a four-game set before arriving in Houston.

It was the second straight win for the Astros since manager Bo Porter was fired on Monday and replaced by interim manager Tom Lawless.

Royals 4, Rangers 1

In Kansas City, Mo., Alex Gordon hit a two-run homer, Jason Vargas pitched into the seventh inning and Kansas City beat Texas to finish a three-game sweep.

Vargas (11-7) stranded four runners in scoring position before turning over a two-on, two-out mess to Kelvin Herrera, who escaped the jam. Louis Coleman gave up a run in the eighth before Wade Davis finished the inning. Greg Holland worked a perfect ninth for his 42nd save.

Blue Jays 7, Rays 4

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Dioner Navarro and Edwin Encarnacion each hit a two-run homer, and Toronto rolled past Tampa Bay for its fourth straight win.

Adam Lind had four consecutive hits and scored twice for the Blue Jays, who won a road series against the Rays for the first time since April 2007.

Marcus Stroman (9-5) pitched five shutout innings before giving up two runs and four hits in the sixth.

Cubs 6, Brewers 2

In Chicago, Jorge Soler hit a two-run double and Chicago handed Milwaukee its eighth loss in a row.

Soler became the second player in Cubs history with as many as 10 RBIs in his first seven games. The rookie joined Mandy Brooks, who had 12 RBIs in 1925, as the only Chicago players to accomplish the feat.

Kyle Hendricks earned his fifth straight win. Hendricks (6-1) allowed two runs and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings. The right-hander did not walk or strike out a batter.

Twins 11, White Sox 4

In Minneapolis, Kennys Vargas homered for the second consecutive night and Eduardo Nunez had four hits as Minnesota defeated Chicago.

The Twins broke loose for five runs in a rain-delayed fifth inning to break a 3-all tie and set up Trevor May (1-4) for his first major league win. Vargas' RBI single and Eduardo Escobar's two-run triple did the bulk of the damage.

Vargas added a long two-run homer in the sixth. Since being called up from the minors on Aug. 1, Vargas has 31 RBIs — third-most in the majors during that span.

Diamondbacks 6, Padres 1

In San Diego, Daniel Hudson returned from two reconstructive elbow operations to pitch in the big leagues for the first time in more than two years, and David Peralta drove in two runs to help Arizona beat San Diego.

Hudson became the fourth pitcher to undergo Tommy John surgery in consecutive years and return to the majors. Hudson, who won 16 games for Arizona in 2011, retired the side in the eighth on 13 pitches and was warmly greeted by his teammates when he reached the dugout.

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Spain beats France 88-64 to go 4-0 at World Cup

AP
In this Aug. 12, 2012, file photo, Spain's Pau Gasol, right, drives past United States' Kevin Love, left, to score during the men's gold medal basketball game at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

GRANADA, Spain (AP)—Ricky Rubio's quick hands set the tone and Marc Gasol had a game-high 17 points as Spain beat France 88-64 Wednesday to remain undefeated at the Basketball World Cup.

Rubio had five assists, three steals and two drives down the lane for layups in the first quarter in his 100th appearance for the national team, with the Minnesota Timberwolves point guard looking eager to atone for Spain's loss to France at last year's European Championship.

Rubio struggled later, but Spain was never threatened down the stretch.

France focused on containing Pau Gasol, but the Chicago Bulls player still scored 15 points to nearly match his brother Marc.

The closest France got was 19-19, but Juan Carlos Navarro sunk a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to end the first quarter. Navarro then drained another 3 followed by Marc also scoring from long range.

And France never came close again.

"I am disappointed with the score spread, because we started quite well," said France coach Vincent Collet. "When you let them go they become unstoppable."

France, playing without star Tony Parker, was kept afloat by Nicolas Batum and Antoine Diot with 11 points each.

Spain (4-0) returns to the raucous Palacio de Deportes to play Serbia (2-2) on Thursday, when France (2-2) faces Egypt (0-4) to close Group A.

Also in Granada, forward Marquinhos Vieira made six 3-pointers in a 81-73 win for Brazil (3-1) after it weathered Serbia's explosive third quarter, when it erased an 18-point deficit.

At other venues, the U.S., Greece and Slovenia also improved to 4-0 to remain in first place in their groups with one game to go.

U.S. forward Kenneth Faried kept up his sharp shooting as he led the U.S. with 16 points in a 106-71 over the Dominican Republic (2-2) in Group C in Bilbao.

In Group B in Seville, Greece dished out 23 assists to beat Croatia 76-65 with forwards Kostas Papanikolaou and Kostas Kaimakoglou scoring 14 points each.

Goran Dragic of the Phoenix Suns scored 14 points and Slovenia avoided an upset, holding off Angola 93-87 in Group D in Gran Canaria.

Point guard Roberto Fortes scored 21 points while center Yanick Moreira added 20 more for Angola (1-3).

GROUP A

Iran 88, Egypt 73
Hamed Haddadi dominated the paint with 23 points and 15 rebounds, and Samad Nikkah Bahrami hit six three pointers as Iran (1-3) never trailed the winless Egypt.

GROUP B

Argentina 81, Senegal 46
Indiana Pacers forward Luis Scola scored 22 points and hauled in 14 rebounds as Argentina improved to 3-1, positioning the South Americans to play for the group's top spot when they take on Greece in the last group phase match. Gorgui Dieng had 11 points for Senegal (2-2).

Puerto Rico 77, Philippines 73
J.J. Barea scored the go-head layup and made three free throws to out-duel Andray Blatche and give Puerto Rico (1-3) its first win of the tournament. He finished with 30 points. Blatche scored 25 points for the Philippines (0-4).

GROUP C

Turkey 77, Finland 73, OT
Cenk Akyol made a tying 3-pointer with 4.2 seconds remaining in regulation, and Turkey (2-2) evened its record behind 22 points from New Orleans Pelicans center Omer Asik. Petteri Koponen scored 17 points for Finland (1-3), but missed two free throws in the final seconds of regulation with the Finns up by three.

New Zealand 73, Ukraine 61
New Zealand (1-3) grabbed 48 rebounds to Ukraine's 25, and Kirk Penney scored 17 points as the Tall Blacks kept alive their chances at the second round. Maxym Kornienko had 15 points for Ukraine (2-2).

GROUP D

Lithuania, 79 Korea 49
Adas Juskevicius made six 3-pointers to help ensure Lithuania (3-1) can still fight for first place when it plays Slovenia in the final group game.

Australia 70, Mexico 62
Aron Baynes scored 21 points in a game Australia (3-1) led for the entire second half. Atlanta Hawks center Gustavo Ayon had 11 points for Mexico (1-3).

MARIANA

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10, respectively. Tabora finished with 38 points for PIC Chefs, while Rodney Catalla was the second highest scorer on the team with his 13.

In the second semis tiff, the unbeaten Blue Haus never gave Armatech a chance for an upset, pushing all the right buttons from the first period to the last.

Right at the end of the first canto, Blue Haus was way ahead, 28-9. Edsel Mendoza outgunned the entire Armatech team, 13-9. Armatech was limited to three field goals and only Martin Moreno scored more than 2 points for the team in the opening canto and two of them were off free throws.

Armatech managed to pick up its scoring in the second frame, firing 24, but Blue Haus still went ahead, countering with 25 points, 10 of them came from Junar Guiab. Guiab and the rest of the Blue Haus big men capitalized on their ceiling advantage to get easy shots in the paint against the much smaller frontliners of Armatech. Armatech had only the burly Haejun Park trying to stand his ground against Blue Haus' big men.

Blue Haus' efficient inside game was complimented by the good shooting of its guards—Edgar Pangelinan and Tony Diaz—and the elimination round top finisher went on to pad its 20-point halftime lead, 53-33, to 29, 78-49, entering the fourth quarter. The deficit was too big for Armatech to overhaul in the fourth quarter and the team made no significant effort to mount a monumental comeback as it just traded baskets with Blue Haus.

Guiab top-scored for Blue Haus with his 20 points, while Mendoza chipped in 17. Pangelinan contributed 16, while Diaz and Ernie Moises recorded 12 and 10, respectively. Armatech's guard combo Bernardo Montano, James Abuy, and Martino Moreno all hit double figures and combined for 32 points, but failed to drain baskets in streaks.

First Game

Mariana Resort 88 – Galulu 23, De Guzman 19, Alipio 17, Cosino 10, Pineda 8, Garcia 6, Abuan 2, Montes 2.

PIC Chefs 76 – J. Tabora 38, Catalla 13, Milantes 6, Guzman 6, Francis 4, Linaogo 2, Hernandez 2, Ballesteros 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-18, 36-34, 61-60, 88-76.

Second Game

Blue Haus 92 – Guiab 20, Mendoza 17, Pangelinan 16, Diaz 12, Moises 10, F. Palacios 6, Santos 6, Fernandez 4.

Armatech 67 – Montano 12, Moreno 10, Abuy 10, Poquiz 9, Gatdula 6, Park 6, Tobias 4, Bartolo 4, Pablo 2, Malasarte 2.

Scoring by quarters: 28-9, 53-33, 77-48, 92-67.

CTSI

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the standings.

CTSI, which did not win a team award, showed teamwork the entire league with no member of the squad winning an individual award.

The Fiesta Rockers led the team and individual winners with Cynthia Gugulan clinching the women's Scratch and Handicap games with 234 and 288 scores, respectively.

Wellington Ang and Elena Soll, Gugulan's teammates, claimed the men's Handicap Game (272) and the women's Individual High Average (151.65), respectively.

Century Hotel's Miguel Morta claimed the men's Scratch Series and Individual High Averages with scores of 557 and 163.81 each.

L&T-RMS Splitters' Nat Angeles and Norma Batu were the men's Scratch Game and women's Handicap Series winners with scores of 242 and 703, respectively.

Fiesta Rockers were the best teams in the Handicap Game and Series tallying 1,108 and 3,031 each, while Century Finance ruled the Team Scratch Game (881) and Century Hotel the Team Scratch Series with a 2,364 score.

CHAMPIONS

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will go for her third straight championships in the annual tournament versus Janelle Pangilinan. Pangilinan earned the chance to dethrone Choi after eliminating Lanie Bartolome in the other semis game last Sunday, 21-9, 21-11.

Meanwhile, four other players bagged finals tickets after last Sunday's playoff games.

In the men's B singles, Ezekiel Macario, who lost to Jordan Pangilinan in last year's semis, this time survived the Final Four after beating Edwin Montoya, 21-10, 21-6. Macario will be up against Joel Ortega in tomorrow's finals, as the former won via default against Shintaro.

In the women's B singles, it will be Dianne Francisco versus Nicole Malasarte. Francisco gained the first finals slot in the division after ousting Rowena Sison, 21-17, 21-9, while Malasarte bagged the second and last finals ticket following a 21-18, 22-20 triumph over Windy Fernandez in the other Final Four pairing.

In other semis results last Sunday in the doubles division, Chris Hilario and Patrick Fernandez defeated Edwin Montoya and Tommy Kim, 21-12, 21-18, to barge into the finals of the men's 35-and-over division. The other finalist in the group has yet to be determined, as two more knockout matches will still be played tonight. Roger Vales and Eydie Uy and Oh Im Bog and J. Yu will play in the first knockout match with the winner challenging Montoya and Kim for the last finals seat.

In the women's 35-and-above doubles, the pair of Shirley Kim and Lani Santos will take on Loyda Ito and Gigi Zapanta. Kim and Santos slipped past Alma Ortega and Sally Im in the semis, 17-21, 22-20, 23-21, while Ito and Zapanta won via default over Elna Curate and Roxe Lazaro.

In the women's A doubles, Bartolome and Fernandez swept Janelle Pangilinan and Jenine Savellano to set a finals showdown against Choi and Alma Ortega, who got a free semis win over Ito and Curate (no-show).

Leo Su and Patrick Fernandez also won via default against John Cano and Jeremi Montenejo to advance to the men's C doubles finals against Taeho Kim and Tommy Kim. Tae Ho and Tommy needed three games to beat Ariel Jinang and Ray Musada, 14-21, 21-17, 22-20.

The men's C doubles finals along with the title games in the men's and women's A, B, and C singles, and women's and men's B and 35-and-above doubles will be played this Saturday, while the men's and women's A doubles finale are set for Sunday. Consolation games in all divisions take place tonight.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	81	57	.587	—
New York	71	66	.518	9½
Toronto	71	67	.514	10
Tampa Bay	67	73	.479	15
Boston	61	78	.439	20½
Central Division				
Kansas City	77	61	.558	—
Detroit	76	63	.547	1½
Cleveland	71	66	.518	5½
Chicago	63	76	.453	14½
Minnesota	61	78	.439	16½
West Division				
Los Angeles	83	55	.601	—
Oakland	79	60	.568	4½
Seattle	75	63	.543	8
Houston	61	79	.436	23
Texas	53	86	.381	30½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	79	59	.572	—
Atlanta	73	67	.521	7
Miami	67	71	.486	12
New York	66	74	.471	14
Philadelphia	64	75	.460	15½
Central Division				
St. Louis	76	63	.547	—
Milwaukee	73	66	.525	3
Pittsburgh	71	68	.511	5
Cincinnati	66	73	.475	10
Chicago	64	76	.457	12½
West Division				
Los Angeles	78	62	.557	—
San Francisco	76	64	.543	2
San Diego	66	72	.478	11
Arizona	58	81	.417	19½
Colorado	56	84	.400	22

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pascual rules rain-shortened FilTaga August Ace

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Larry Pascual bagged the rain-shortened FilTaga August Ace of the Month held last Aug. 17 at the Kingfisher Golf Links in Talofofo.

Only nine golfers braved the Sunday morning tee-off after a thunderstorm almost cancelled the tournament.

Organizers stopped the tournament after 11 holes due to the heavy downpour with thunder and lightning.

All golfers then agreed to determine the handicap of each player up to No. 11. The total handicap is then divided by 18 holes to get the per hole handicap which is then multiplied to 11 holes.

Pascual, after 11 holes, tamed the Graham Marsh-designed 18-hole par-72 course with a gross score of 55.

The 16-handicapper had an 18-hole 0.89 handicap for a 9.78 and a 45.22 net and a slim 1.89 winning margin over closest pursuer Gil Faller.

Faller, an eight-handicapper, finished with a 52 gross and a 47.11 net score, while Juan Lizama ended up third with an 11-hole 47.67 tally.

Jess Yumul (47.78), Bae Hak Chun (50.94), William Retardo (51.17), Nestor Sirelo (55.22), Adony Matutino (57.67), and Freddie Cataluna (58.72) are the other competing golfers for August monthly tee-off.

FilTaga will also hold its September Ace on Sept. 21 at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's East Course with a 12 noon showtime and a 12:30 tee time.

Tournament director Leo Ganacias said the greens fee is $40 with a $15 pot money fee.

The October Ace, which will be simultaneously held with the Emon Lodge 179 tournament, is set at the Marianas Country Club on Oct. 25 with a tee time of 8am.

The general entry fee is pegged at $85 where FilTaga members will only pay $55 that includes the green fee and lunch.

The November Ace of the Month and Turkey shoot out will be held on Nov. 23 with a 12 noon showtime and 12:30pm tee off.

Fliptop nips Bandits to bag semis berth

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Flip Top nosed out the Bandits, 81-80, in the final game in the elimination round of the 2014 DLX Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Jun Estolas canned a pair of free throws in the closing seconds to lift Flip Top to the tough win and bring his team to the semifinal round, joining early qualifiers Ali'i and SSFM. The Bandits failed to beat Flip Top for the battle for the third semis berth after J.R. Barrios faltered in a desperation trey in the dying seconds. The Bandits now have to prevail against Ghasias Brothers in a knockout game tonight to make it to the semifinal round, which will be played tomorrow.

Flip Top needed Estolas' clutch charities, as it engaged the Bandits in a seesaw battle in the fourth quarter. Estolas, Mike Arciaga, and Perry Inos traded baskets with Barrios and Jaymark De Guzman in the final canto with the latter scoring the Bandits' last 7 points to put his team in the lead for the last time.

All five players involved in the exchange finished in twin digits. Arciaga paced Flip Top with his 19 points, hitting back-to-back treys in the homestretch and 8 straight markers, while Inos and Estolas chipped in 18 and 11, respectively. Estolas played only in the second half and nailed all his points in the fourth. Ron Gamboa was the fourth Flip Tip player to break into double figures with his 17 points.

De Guzman led all scorers, sizzling for 33 points, while Barrios had 10, matching Edmark Mendoza's output. De Guzman knocked in 7 early points to give the Bandits a 17-14 cushion at the end of the third. The Bandits then lost the upper hand in the second quarter, but remained in contention, falling behind by only 1 point at the break, 35-36. De Guzman added 8 points, while Bryle Alegre had 6 to keep the Bandits in the match against Flip Top, which relied on the 6 markers apiece of Inos and Arciaga.

Arciaga was then held to two field goals in the third period, but Gamboa picked up the slack, firing 10 in that canto, as Flip Top hung on to the driver' seat, 57-54. The game remained tight in the fourth with Estolas opening the quarter for Flip Top with 3 straight points and his team making its next five field goals from downtown. Not to be outdone, Bandits also drilled four shots from beyond the arc to stay in the game, but the match was later decided from the foul line with Estolas calmly sinking a pair.

Flip Top 81 – Arciaga 19, Inos 18, Gamboa 17, J. Estolas 11, Fidelino 8, Capalad 4, D. Estolas 4.

Bandits 80 – De Guzman 33, Mendoza 10, Barrios 10, Achas 8, Alegre 6, Salazar 5, Guiang 4, Aniciete 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-17, 36-35, 57-54, 81-80.

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Flip Top's Perry Inos goes up for a reverse layup against SSFM's Mike Espinosa during an earlier game in the DLX caging last month at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court. Inos scored 18 points in their 81-80 win over the Bandits last Wednesday.

Coaches, managers meeting for fall league set tomorrow

Coaches and managers of teams participating in the 2014 NMIFA Fall League are requested to attend a meeting tomorrow at the Latte Stone Function Room of Kanoa Resort at 2:30pm.

Game schedule will be distributed at the meeting. The youth committee will try to finish and send the draft of the rules and regulations of the league today for review and comments. Any concerns and other details will be discussed during the meeting.

SSS coaching clinic

Meanwhile, Saipan Soccer School will be hosting a coaching clinic tomorrow.

The clinic will be held from 4:30pm to 6pm at the William S. Reyes Elementary School and is open to coaches in the U6, U8, U10, and U12 age group teams.

Coaches must be on the field on or before 4:30pm. They must wear their club uniform and soccer cleats (running shoes if none).

Clubs must submit the number of participants from their group to SSS' Jershwin Angeles.

"This is a good opportunity to learn new drills, especially for new and young coaches preparing for the fall season," SSS said in a press statement.

For more information about the clinic, contact Angeles at 285-7387 or 235-0560 ext.148.

For the fall league meeting, contact Roxe Lazaro at 235-0173. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Tan Holdings FC and Matansa FC players fight for possession during last year's NMIFA fall youth league game at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Registration still open for Saturday's SIS Fun Run

Registration is still open for the 2014 edition of the Saipan International School Fun Run to be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, starting 7am at the Banzai Cliff in Marpi.

Late registrants, who failed to sign up at SIS, can still join but have to be at Banzai Cliff as early as 6am. The $10 entry fee entitles the first 130 participants an event T-shirt.

Lunch and dinner gift certificates from various hotels will be given away to the lucky finishers.

Other gift certificates to be given away are from Mandi Spa, Duty Free Shoppers Saipan, Coffee Room, National Office Supply, Okadaya, Fishing Tackle, and Subway.

Two years ago, the annual fun run attracted a total of 253 runners to surpass the 199 turnout in 2011.

Sean Smith completed the 3.5-mile race in 20 minutes and 54 seconds to top the men's division, while Mamiko Oshima-Berger ruled the women's class in 22:45.

Sean Hill and Juliana Hall (Under-8), Misaki Kitami and Malika Miyawaki (U12), Daniel Lim, and Adelle Hudkins (U18) were the age group winners in the boys and girls divisions. ***(Jon Perez)***

Djokovic tops Murray for 8th US Open semi in a row

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Mariana Resort vs Blue Haus in finals

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Blue Haus' Ed Pangelinan drives against Armatech's Joseph Gatdula, left, and Haejun Park during the third quarter of their semis game in the Emon Lodge-Docomo Pacific Cup last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Mariana Resort and Blue Haus set up their title duel in the 2014 Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League-Docomo Pacific Cup after beating separate semis foes last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Mariana Resort booked the first finals ticket after outclassing PIC Chefs in the curtain-raiser, 88-76, while Blue Haus notched the second and last finals seat after pounding Armatech in the nightcap, 92-67. The winner-take-all finale will be played on Monday.

The first semis game between Mariana Resort and PIC Chefs was a close battle in the first three quarters before the former gained control in the fourth en route to the 12-point win. Ahead by only 1 after the third period, 61-60, Joseph Galulu and Jorge De Guzman gave Mariana Resort more breathing room in the fourth frame, combining for 16 points, the same output the entire PIC Chefs crew registered.

PIC Chefs failed to counter-attack in the fourth after keeping Mariana Resort at bay in the first three periods, as Jun Tabora was held to two field goals. Before slowing down in the fourth, Tabora had scored 32 big points after three frames. He dropped 13 in the third period to move PIC Chefs within 1.

The rest of PIC Chefs players failed to step up to make up for Tabora's so-so performance in the payoff canto, while Galulu and De Guzman got enough support from their teammates with three more Mariana Resort players contributing at least three markers each.

Galulu top-scored for Mariana Resort with his 23 points, while De Guzman added 19. Jun Alipio and Ed Cosino also finished in double figures with

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Defending champions back in singles finals

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Defending champions Andreau Galvez and Hannah Choi won their respective semis games in the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic in contrasting fashions to book a return trip to the finals of the Class A singles.

Galvez marched into the finals after sweeping Jordan Pangilinan in the first semis game in the men's A singles, 21-8, 21-15, last Sunday at the TSL Sports Complex. The semis match against Galvez was Pangilinan's second for the night, as he earlier challenged Jerry Hibi in a knockout match for the fourth and last semis berth in the division and won, 21-20, 21-17.

With Galvez foiling Pangilinan's upset bid, the defending champion arranged a finals date with Ferdie Arago for the third straight time (same tournament). Galvez is hoping to keep his streak against Arago, who got a free finals pass after winning via default over Macoi Aguda in the other semis pairing last Sunday.

Choi also cruised her way to the finals, prevailing via forfeiture against Malou Malasarte in the first semis match in the women's A singles. She

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Janelle Pangilinan steps forward for a return during an earlier singles game in the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic. She will face defending champion Hannah Choi in the women's A singles finals tomorrow at the TSL Sports Complex.

CTSI triumphant in Tan Holdings bowling league

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CTSI Logistics ruled the 6th Tan Holdings Bowling League besting 11 other teams in the 24-weeklong league that ended Wednesday at the Saipan Bowling Center.

CTSI Logistics compiled a 73-23 record for an eight-game win over second placer Fiesta Rockers, which finished tied with Take Care with 65-31 slates. Take Care came in third losing in the tiebreak.

Century Hotel (57.5-38.5), CIC Synergy (53-43), Century Hotels (51.5-44.5), L&T-RMS Splitters (50-46), Century Finance (45-51), *Saipan Tribune* (39-57), POI Air Strikers (33-63), Kanoa Jammers (25-71), and D&Q-Cosmos (8-88) round up

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Players of CTSI Logistics pose with their trophies during the awards ceremony for the 6th Tan Holdings Bowling League last Wednesday night at the Nami Bar of Kanoa Resort.